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[108] In Common Council March 6. 1820.

Present The Hon Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Herms Tallman
John Morss	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Steph. P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that agreeably to the directions of the Act in that case made and provided he had taken Bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties from Joshua L. Pell, George Betts, William H. Smith and John Campbell, appointed Clerks [109] of the several Assistant Justices' Courts in the City. Whereupon it was resolved that said Bonds be filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

A petition of E. Bryant, stating that he had discovered an improvement in Fire Engines which he wished might be examined by the Committee of Arts, was read & referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A petition of Patrick Mott, for appointment to the Office of Measurer of Grain, and of William H. Leaycraft for appointment as Deputy Street Inspector, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Thomas Lovett, Contractor for regulating Canal Street, stating that he has expended a considerable sum of money thereon but has not yet received any payment on said contract, owing to the delay of the persons appointed to make the Assessment on said street—was referred to the Canal Committee.

[110] A petition from sundry inhabitants that Lispenard Street may be opened to Broadway—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of R. Strong, Thos. C. Taylor and John McKesson, late Commissioners on Dover Street, praying payment of their account for

services on said Assessment—was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Greenman Gere, praying return of Six dollars costs paid by him to the Attorney of the Board as having been incurred by not reporting two American passengers brought by him in the Brig Mary, he having been informed at the Custom House that no report was necessary, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Petitions were received from Timothy Chapin, George Bengen and Charles W. Ivers, [111] for the appointment of Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary, were read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition of Sophia Usher to be permitted to erect a small building for the purpose of vending Soda Water on the Lot of ground belonging to the Corporation on Broadway between Bridewell and the Park on such terms as should be deemed proper, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A petition of Robert Dodge to be permitted to take possession of the ground accruing to him (according to the last survey) in Oliver Street, he having paid the Assessment for the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Simon Fleet, auctioneer, to be permitted to sell goods at auction in Chatham Square in front of Store No. 187 was read [112] and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of J. C. Segoine, owner of Schooner Native, praying remission of fine incurred by said vessel's lying in Fly Market Slip, was read and referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition of George Lowe for Stall No. 28 Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of the Butchers of the Centre Market to be furnished with a public Scale and weight for use of said Market, was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of the butchers of the upper Fly Market, that the part of the Market allotted for the sale of country produce may be separated from the Fish Market and established at the end of the Market next [113] to Pearl Street, extending down to Stall No. 11. by which arrangement the advantages of said Market will be more equally divided among the Butchers, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from sundry owners of lots and inhabitants in the vicinity of Corlaers' Hook praying that a public Slip or Basin may be

established at that place, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A representation from the Assessors of the Seventh Ward that an Assessment had been made by them upon Dr. James Ludlow, residing at No. 49 Division Street by the name of Dr. Israel Ludlow, which assessment, on account of said mistake, he refuses to pay was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of sundry inhabitants residing on Manhattan Island, praying that Avenue [114] 'D' may be filled in and regulated to the Market Place, was read & referred to the Road Committee with instructions to report thereon.

A petition for a Well and pump at the corner of Rivington and Sheriff Streets and for one at corner of Prince & Elizabeth Streets, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A memorial from John Anthon & Hugh Maxwell, Counsellors at Law, suggesting to the consideration of the Board the following improvements in the Judiciary system and the propriety of an application for legislative aid therein—Viz.

1. To make the mode of empanneling the Grand Jury by the Sheriff the same as in the case of petit juries—Viz. by drawing their names from the Ballot box.

[115] 2. To permit an appeal to lie in Criminal cases as well as in Civil cases.

3. To extend the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court.

4. To vest in the Mayor's Court the power to levy fines on real estate within this City—was referred to the Committee of Laws.

A Memorial from Sundry inhabitants, complaining of the high price allowed by the ordinance of the Corporation for the carting of hay, was read and referred to the Committee of Retrenchments.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 4.

Ira Perego—Suspender Maker—19 Maiden Lane, 2^{d} Ward, vice James Green—Expelled

No. 41.

John Boyd, Carpenter—179 Mott St. 8th Ward—vice Edward Gumbs—Resigned.

[116] The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Jas. K. Hamilton	Own.	Hester St.	A Lot
2	J. Hanmer	Own.	Norfolk c. Grand	
	Wm Poore	Occ.		a Privy
3	A. McAdams	Own.	57 Forsythe	do.
	J. Sause	Occ.		

(Signed) G. Cuming—City Inspr

The Street Commissioner presented a return of property which had been advertised on the 1st March inst. for nonpayment of Assessments thereon. He stated that the Sale of certain lots therein mentioned had been postponed at the request of Colonel Rutgers, he undertaking the payment of the same. The Letter from Colonel Rutgers dated March 1. 1820 to that effect was presented with the report. Whereupon the said postponement was approved and the report was directed to be filed.

[117] He also presented a return of certain property which had been assessed for opening Canal Street and the Assessment not paid; which being peculiarly circumstanced he recommended to be referred for consideration to some Committee. Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented Assessments for a Well and Pump in Green near Broome Street and for a Well & Pump in Thompson Street near Spring Street—which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also presented an ordinance for building by the owners of the Water lots on West St. between Courtland & Duane Sts. a bulkhead in West St. from Courtland to Duane Street—which was passed.

He also presented a communication respecting certain lots which were advertised for Sale on 1st March inst. for nonpayment [118] of Assessments but which were not sold and recommending a reference of the subject. Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act in the premises.

He also presented the following returns of Delinquents on Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to the collectors thereon for collecting the same—viz. For regulating & paving Sullivan Street from Grand to Watts St: For regulating & paving Elm St. from Grand to Broome Street, John G. Betts Collector.

For regulating and paving Orange Street: For regulating & paving Ludlow St: For regulating and paving the Bowery from North to

Jones St. and for a Well & Pump in Lombardy Street, Morris De Camp—Collector.

The Attorney presented report of the following complaints made to him, which were referred to the Committee on Public [119] Offices, Viz. Against Adam Pettreey for acting as Sweepmaster without a licence, and against George Rodney for selling liquor without licence.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature, on the Memorials of Thomas Fessenden & Joshua L. Pell, reported:

That they have considered the several matters referred to them with as much deliberation as the necessity of a speedy determination would permit. With respect to the projected law, it appears that an Act of similar import with the two first Sections thereof is now before the Legislature, and as to the other sections it was not deemed expedient to take any measure.

It is a matter of much regret to your Committee that differences should have arisen between public officers, whose duty it undoubtedly is, and whose pride your Committee had hoped it would be, to facilitate the transaction of public business by all proper and equitable means within their power [120] and the more especially as the present is a new system adopted by the Honorable the Legislature at the instance of and with liberal salaries to be paid by this Board, with a view and in the laudable hope of rescuing the Courts of the Assistant Justices not merely from the reproach which had been too often and probably unjustly thrown upon them, but also in the pleasing expectation of raising those tribunals to a full and just participation of public confidence and respect.

In this view of the subject your Committee cannot but think that some respect was due from the Assistant Justice to the recommendation (of which he admitted he had some knowledge) contained in the resolution of this Board, as to the time they would expect the Clerks to be in their office.

It is proper that these offices should be kept open for the issuing of process from [121] nine in the morning until sunset: but it is manifest that the remaining so great a length of time in the Office without intermission would be too severe a duty for any man to perform, and it must be admitted that the time from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon for refreshment, being that recommended by the Board, is no more than reasonable and ought to be allowed. But it is not intended that any thing herein contained should be construed to involve any suggestion or pretence that this Board has a right to prescribe to

the Assistant Justices the times during which their Courts should be kept open. The existence of such a right is frankly disclaimed.

But these remarks are intended to convey a respectful suggestion to this Board that it ought not, so far as it is interested, to require of the said Clerks to remain in their offices at any time between 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that there is not any good reason for disturbing the [122] former resolution of this Board on the subject.

As to the other matter referred to, your Committee, they are decidedly of opinion that its determination involves questions the decision of which is neither within the jurisdiction of this Board nor subject to the application of its authority. It is not within the province of this Board to exercise judicial powers in the legal exposition of Statutes or to attempt to direct the Courts of law as to what course of practice they either should or ought to adopt in any case, and if this Board were to assume itself such an authority it is perfectly manifest that it could not enforce the observance of its directions.

Your Committee, therefore, have not attempted to make any exposition of the Statute in their report, being well assured that it is the duty and the right of the Justices to determine in the first instance [123] every question of law and of practice arising in their respective courts, and if any person be aggrieved by such decision the remedy rests in the right of appeal to some higher judicial tribunal. Your Committee do not however perceive that the present case is one calling for the exercise of any appellate right, but they are decidedly of opinion that it is perfectly competent to the courts in question to determine what the several duties of their respective Clerks are under the existing Statutes and that it is the duty of the respective Clerks to submit cheerfully to such decision, and that the manner of the appointment of such Clerks cannot in any degree affect this question. Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that it is the duty of the Clerks of the several and respective Assistant Justices' Courts to perform such duties as the said Assistant Justices shall severally and respectively from time to time reasonably [124] require of such clerks: and farther that this Board, so far as it is interested, will not require or expect the said Clerks to remain in their offices at any time between 1 & 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

(Signed) J. Hammond
" S. Allen
" J. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Road Committee, on petition of Andrew Backus that his house at the intersection of 6th Avenue may remain, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, that Andrew Backus be authorized to delay the removal of his house at intersection of 6th Avenue & Cornelia Street until further orders from the proper officer of this Board.

(Signed) W. A. Davis G. B. Thorp
" J. Hammond D. Board

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[125] The Street Committee and Chairman of the Finance Committee, on the subject of contracting for cleaning the Streets, reported:

That in considering this subject your Committee have naturally been led to bring to mind the incessant complaints which have been made by the citizens against the present method of sweeping the streets and the inefficient manner in which the contractors have performed their duty, and on the other hand they have not been unmindful of the representations made by the Contractors of the ruinous consequences flowing from the losses sustained by the fall in the price of manure and the inability of the farmers to purchase it, and also their petitions to the Board for relief from the numerous suits brought against them in consequence of their inability from these causes to perform the requirements of the law.

Your Committee would feel much gratification were they able to propose a plan that would remedy the evils so mutually [126] complained of, but they doubt whether any measure can be devised for cleaning the Streets of this City which shall be free from objections or that will not be more or less, a subject of complaint. The Committee are therefore compelled to confess that they are unable to recommend any plans better calculated to answer the purposes intended than those heretofore adopted and put into practice, and they have therefore confined their enquiries to the two plans alluded to.

There appear to your Committee to be two objects, both of paramount importance, to be obtained in deciding this subject: first, the convenience of our citizens, and second the revenue from the manure collected in our streets. The Committee are of opinion that the method pursued for the last two years, though liable to many objections, is far the most preferable as respects the convenience of our citizens; but they have reason to fear [127] from the information they have

received that little or no revenue can in future be expected should that plan be continued; but on the other hand should the plan of sweeping by the inhabitants be again adopted, and to which there are also objections, the revenues will at least be equal, if not much greater than at present.

The Committee have therefore concluded to recommend to the Board that proposals be received for both methods of sweeping & that on the receipt of such proposals the Board decide on the plan they will adopt.

In the further consideration of this subject the Committee were of opinion that if the contract was made to commence on the 1st day of February in each year, instead of the 1st day of May, the streets would be kept in a much better condition than they now are, as an inducement would be held out to the contractors to take advantage of any mild weather which might occur in the months of December and January to [128] remove the manure then remaining, which otherwise would revert to the benefit of their successors; and the Committee have concluded to frame the resolutions conformably to this opinion and propose the following accordingly:

Resolved that the Comptroller give notice thro' the papers employed by the Corporation that sealed proposals will be received at his Office until the 27th day of March instant for the street manure to be collected in the eastern and western districts of this City respectively; that such proposals specify the amount offered for the said manure from the 1st day of May next to the 1st day of February 1821 and also the amount offered for said manure from the 1st day of May next to the 1st day of February 1822: the streets to be swept by the inhabitants in conformity with a former ordinance of the Common Council passed the 5th day of May 1817.

[129] Resolved that he also give notice in like manner that sealed proposals will be received for the Street Manure, for the same terms of time as above; on the condition that the Contractors shall sweep the streets and remove the manure at their own cost and expence, agreeably to an ordinance of the Common Council entitled 'A Law to amend a Law to regulate the removal of the filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York, passed the 4th day of May 1818, and also of the 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th Sections of the Ordinance amended—and farther that the proposals contain

the names of the person or persons offered as sureties for the performance of such proposition.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
" Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" J. Morss
" S. Allen

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[130] The Finance Committee, on the report of the Comptroller relative to property belonging to the Corporation which might be disposed of, reported the following Resolutions:

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to give notice thro' the papers employed by this Board that on the 6th day of April next the following property will be leased at auction at the City Hall to the highest bidder for the term of years as hereafter designated:

The Cellar under Duane Market for one year

The Cellar under Greenwich Market for one year.

The school room over the Engine house in Beaver Street for One year.

The easterly part of lots Nos. 31. 32 Common Lands near the Powder House containing acres for 5 years.

The School room over the Engine house in Rose Street for one year.

[131] Lots No. 84 five acres, No. 110—5¼ acres, No. 163—6¼ acres—No. 188. 4 acres or thereabout, common Lands to be leased separately for 3 years.

The House and Lot at Brooklyn, at present occupied by John Gildersleeve near the Old Ferry for 7 years.

The Dock & Wharf at Brooklyn near the Old Ferry, now in the occupation of William Cutting for 3 years.

The leases of all the above mentioned property to commence on the 1st of May next.

The Committee beg leave farther to state that there are several lots of ground at Brooklyn, the leases of which will expire and are to be renewed for a term of years from May next at a rent to be determined by appraisers chosen by the parties for that purpose; and as it is necessary a proper person should be selected on the part of this Board, they propose the following resolution:

Resolved that John Targee be and he is hereby appointed to act in behalf of this Board as appraiser to fix & agree upon [132] the rents

of certain lots of ground at Brooklyn, the leases of which will expire on the 1st of May next and are to be renewed for a term of years—provided for by said sales.

(signed) S. Allen
J. Hammond
B. Crane
J. Hone
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the Memorial of the Trustees of Brooklyn, reported:

That the Memorialists are desirous of straightening Water Street in that Village so as to make a direct course between the two ferries. To effect this it will be necessary to remove the Ferry House No. 13 now occupied by John Gildersleeve at an annual rent of $230 and the House No. 12 occupied by Bedell & [133] Sammis at $120 rent; both the property of the Corporation of this City. The lease of both those lots will expire on the 1st of May next, but Bedell & Sammis have a right to 14 years extension of the term at such rent as may be fixed by appraisement.

Under these circumstances your Committee cannot think the Common Council ought to direct the removal of the buildings in question, altho' they are convinced that the contemplated improvement would be very advantageous to the Village of Brooklyn and of course a benefit to the City property in that village. The Committee have concluded to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved that this Common Council deem it inexpedient at present to order the removal of any house or houses belonging to them in the village of Brooklyn.

Resolved that this Common Council will not object to the exercise of any power the Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn may possess for the improvement of said [134] village, provided such improvement is made under a fair Assessment for injury and benefit to the respective proprietors.

(Signed) J. Hone
R. McQueen
W. A. Davis
J. B. Taylor

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of John Knap, presented a report which was read & laid for consideration.

The Counsel presented the following report accompanied by the certificates of sales mentioned therein:

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution certificates of the Sale of the property herein after mentioned for Assessments by the Street Commissioner on the 1st day of March inst. Viz.

All that certain piece or parcel of [135] land situate, lying and being in the 6th Ward of the City of New York on the Northwesterly side of Rynder Street and bounded Northwesterly by land now or late of Dominick Lynch, easterly by Rynder Street and south easterly partly by land belonging to Robert Morris and partly by land now or lately belonging to Andrew Ogden. These premises were assessed as belonging to the heirs of Bayard. Sold for $139 5$\frac{5}{100}$ for an Assessment for enlarging, extending & improving Collect, Rynder, Pump & Walker Streets between Franklin & Hester Streets to Dominick Lynch for 75 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 10th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Chrystie Street, known and distinguished on a Map of Delancey's Farm as Lot No. 66 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Martin Lindeback, being 23 feet 9 inches in front on said Street. Sold for 31 dollars and 86 cents for an Assessment for opening [136] Canal Street and for a cistern in said Street to S. R. Birch for 2 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 6th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Orange Street, known & distinguished on a Map of Bayard's East Farm as Lot No. 1110 and assessed aforesaid as belonging to Hector Scott, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for $40 2$\frac{4}{100}$ for an Assessment for opening Canal Street to Henry Worrall for 16 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Wooster Street, known and distinguished on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as lot No. 878 and assessed as aforesaid, belonging to Henry Roff, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for 127 dollars 70 cents for an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street and for a pump in said Street to Cornelius Ray [137] for one hundred years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Wooster Street and distinguished on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as lot No. 877 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Henry Roff, being 25 feet in

front on said Street. Sold for $128 $^{82}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street to Cornelius Ray for 100 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 4th Ward of the City of New York, bounded easterly in front on Roosevelt Street, westerly by land of Robert Dunlap or Albert Bogert, northerly by land of Nathan Robins and southerly by Bancker Street, being No. 35 Roosevelt Street. These premises were assessed as belonging to William Matthews. Sold for $300 $^{31}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for enlarging & improving a part of Roosevelt Street between Batavia Lane & Front Street to John W. Richardson for five years.

[138] Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Green Street, known and distinguished on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as lot No. 42 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Henry Roff, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for 113 $^{12½}/_{100}$ dollars for an Assessment for regulating Green Street to George Waite for 100 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Green Street, known & distinguished on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 41 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Henry Roff, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for $113 $^{12½}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for regulating Green Street to George Waite for 90 years

Also all that certain other piece or [139] parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Green Street, distinguished on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as lot No. 39 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Richard Chew or Marcelin, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for $123 $^{12½}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for regulating Green St. to George Waite for 70 years.

Also all that certain other piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Wooster Street, distinguished on a Map of Bayard's west farm as lot No. 883 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Henry Merritt, being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for 116 $^{1}/_{100}$ dollars for an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street to Pierson Hallstead for 500 years.

Also all that certain other piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 4th Ward of the City of New York and bounded northwesterly by Rynder Street, [140] northeasterly by lot No. 626 now or lately belonging to Stephen Vanrennselaer, southeasterly by land be-

longing to unknown owners, and southwesterly by lot No. 628 now or lately belonging to Vanrennselaer, and assessed as belonging to unknown owners. Sold for 74 $^{42}/_{100}$ dollars for an Assessment for enlarging, extending & improving Collect, Rynder, Pump & Walker Streets between Franklin and Hester Streets to Henry Cochran for 220 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Green Street and distinguished on a Map of Bayard's west farm as lot No. 40 and assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Richard Chew or Marcellin being 25 feet in front on said Street. Sold for $123 $^{52½}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for regulating Green Street to George Waite for 55 years.

[141] Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York and bounded southwesterly by 4th Street, south easterly by land now or lately belonging to Elizabeth Depeyster, Northeasterly by the Centre Line so called, being a line commencing on the Southwesterly side of the Bowery Road at a point equally distant from the northeasterly side of Fourth Street and the southwesterly side of Fifth Street as the same is designated on a Map in the Office of the Street Commissioner, and running thence northwesterly on a line parallel to the northeasterly side of Fourth Street and northwesterly by Potter's Field.

Also all that certain other piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the said City and bounded northeasterly by the southwesterly side of Fourth Street, southeasterly partly by land now or lately belonging to Samuel Jones Jr. partly by land now or lately belonging to [142] John Withington and partly by land now or lately belonging to David S. Jones, southwesterly by the said Southwesterly Centre Line and northwesterly by land now or lately belonging to John Ireland; these premises assessed as belonging to unknown owners. Sold for $228 $^{3}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for opening South Street from the Bowery to 6th Avenue to John Ireland for 1 year.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York and bounded northeast by land of David Jones, southeast by land of William Butler, southwest by the southwest Centre line so called, the said line commencing on the northwest side of the Bowery at a point equally distant from the Southwest side of 4th Street and the Northeast side of Great Jones Street and running thence northwest on a line parallel with the southwest side of 4th St. [143] and the north east side of Great Jones Street and Amity Street to the east side of the 6th Avenue, and northwest by

land now or lately belonging to the Baptist Church; these premises assessed as belonging to unknown owners. Sold for $79 $^{8}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for opening 4th Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue to Abraham Herring for 15 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 9th Ward of said City and bounded southeasterly by Downing Street, westerly by the easterly side of Varick Street, and northeasterly by land now or lately belonging to M. Fagan: these premises assessed as belonging to Henry Hinchman. Sold for 54 $^{3}/_{100}$ dollars for an Assessment for enlarging, extending & improving Varick Street to Cornelius Hinchman for 15 years.

Also all that certain triangular piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of said City, bounded southerly by Hamersley Street, northwesterly by Downing Street and northeasterly by Bedford [144] Street; these premises assessed as belonging to David Dunham. Sold for $56 $^{76}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for extending, enlarging and improving Varick Street to William T. Lawrence for 30 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 7th Ward of the City of New York and bounded westerly by Scammel St. northerly by land belonging to Benjamin Ferris, easterly by land belonging to Nicholas Low and southerly by land belonging to Cornelius Ray, these premises assessed as belonging to G. Robertson. Sold for $91 $^{5}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for enlarging, extending & improving Bancker Street to William T. Lawrence for 18 years.

Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 7th Ward of the City of New York on the southerly side of Bancker Street and bounded northerly by the Southerly side of Bancker Street, easterly by land [145] belonging to John Jacob Astor, southerly by Lot No. 10 belonging to unknown owners and westerly by land belonging to John Beekman, these premises assessed as belonging to unknown owners. Sold for $98 $^{9}/_{100}$ for an Assessment for enlarging & extending Bancker St. to William T. Lawrence for 20 years.

Also a lease to William L. Simers for 17 years of all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 10th ward of the City of New York, owned by Lawrence situate on First Street and distinguished at [s] Lot No. 407 & lot No. 408.

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

whereupon said certificates were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented a Law entitled a Law regulating the salaries and compensations of the Officers of the Corporation of the City of New York—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

[146] The report presented on 21st February by the Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the memorial of Robert Macomb respecting a project for supplying this City with water, was called up & read as follows: That the Committee have had several conferences with Mr. Macomb, from which they understand that he has associates who can & are willing to furnish ample means to enable him to convey an abundant supply of pure water for public and private uses from Rye Pond in Westchester County to this City in the course of two years, and that he will not ask any pecuniary aid from the Common Council. All he prays is the privilege of laying down the necessary pipes.

The Committee, after due reflection can discover no reasonable objection to granting this privilege, so far as it can be done without prejudice to the rights of any incorporation or individuals, unless it should be thought that the Com- [147] mon Council ought to undertake a work so important to the comfort and interest of our citizens and not confide it to individual enterprise. The Committee have concluded to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved that Robert Macomb and his associates be permitted to lay down pipes in the roads & Streets of this City, whenever it appears to the Common Council that a sufficient quantity is collected in a reservoir at Harlaem River—provided that in so doing they do not interfere with the rights of others.

Resolved that Robert Macomb and his associates shall bind themselves and their successors in a Contract with the Common Council to transfer at any time when required, after the expiration of Forty years from the completion of the water works all right and interest therein to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of this City for which they shall receive the cost of constructing the said water works after deducting a proper allowance for use & wear.

[148] Resolved that the Committee on Public Lands & Places, together with the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a contract and make arrangements with Robert Macomb and his Associates in conformity with the preceding resolution and report the same to this Board and that no rights or privileges be conveyed by

these resolutions but only by the contract contemplated to be entered into.

(Signed) John Hone
" J. B. Taylor
" W. A. Davis
" R. McQueen

which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented a resolution directing that there be inserted in the Contract a clause regulating the price at which the water is to be furnished to the citizens & the public—which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

[149] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 28th Feby	8.22	
Recd for Tax 1st, 4th, 5th Wards	8723.	
" " Streets	2300.	
" " 8th Avenue	300.	
" " Wells & Pumps	156.87	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	120.	
" " Mayoralty fees	69.50	
" " Tax 7th Ward	1500.	
" " Arrears of Tax	700.	
" " Police Office—Sales of property	201.55	14.079.14

32 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st dist	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	756.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
C. D. Colden Esqr—Mayor—1 quarter Salary 2d inst	1750.
George Cuming—City Inspector—1 qr. Salary 1st inst	319.35
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspectr 1 mo 1st inst	50.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	50.
[150] Jonathan Pinkney—St. Inspr 1 month 1st inst	58.
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspector—1 mo. 1st inst	58.
Abraham Ackerman—St. Inspector—1 mo. 1st inst	58.
B. Hicks—Assistt Board of Health 1 mo. 1st inst	58.
G. Mills—Assistt Board of Health 1 mo. 1st inst	58.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers 1 mo. 1st inst	60.
Philip Becanon—Inspr of Bread to 1st inst	87.78
Abm Brevoort—Inspector of Bread to 1st inst	108.89
Joseph Varick—Inspr of Bread to 1st instant	113.33
Danl H. Magee—Keeper Pottersfield 1 mo. 1st inst	43.50
Rev. John Stanford—in full for past years services	300.
[151] Manhattan Company—Water for the Gaol 2 years to May 1. 1820	66.66
Thos. Barnum—engrossg Health Law	15.

T. Cornell, F. Tillou & G. R. Raymond serving subpœnas for Court Sessions in Nov. Dec. Jan. & Feb. last.....	345.25	
Robert Provoost—glazing & paints lamps 1 mo. 1st inst....	133.64	
Peter Debaun—account regulatg Bleecker St.....	900.	
Smith Bloomfield—acct regulatg & paving Chapel St.....	500.	
H. Smith—regg & pavg Laight St. to Washington St.....	434.56	
H. Smith—acct pavg Albany St.....	200.	
H. Smith—act pavg Washington fr. Cedar to Carlisle.....	200.	
H. Smith—act do. Greenwich fr. Cedar to Albany.....	200.	
P. Debaun—act regg McDougall St. to Amity St.....	200.	
H. Cochrane—acct regg & pavg Rynder St.....	100.	
J. Meghan—acct pavg Barclay St.....	200.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms House.....	5000.	14,053.21
	Balance	$25.93

Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 o'clock.

[152] In Common Council Mar. 13. 1820.

Present Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder—President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
J. P. Anthony	Hermⁿ Tallman
John Morss	Benjⁿ Crane
Robert McQueen	J. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	S. P. Brittain
	David Board
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A petition of William Butler for time for payment of an Assessment laid on him for repaving Chapel Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power to grant the prayer of petitioner.

[153] A petition of Lemuel Richardson for appointment to the Office and of Robert Ogilby for appointment to Office of City Weigher, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial from Stephen Brown, stating that for one year, including part of the years 1816 & 1817 he discharged the duties of both House Physician and Surgeon to the Alms House and Penitentiary for which no compensation has been made to him and soliciting some compensation for those services: which being read was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Remonstrance in favor of Gillet and a petition from Henry Southard for appointment to the Office of Overseer of the convicts at the Penitentiary, were read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition of Alexander Kerr, Edward [154] Hazleton & of Mary McAndrew, for relief from fine incurred by selling liquor without licence and a petition of Ezekiel Miles for relief from a suit instituted against him, were severally referred to the Police Committee with authority, if in their opinion proper, to grant the prayers of the several petitioners.

A petition for a Well & Pump in Lawrence near Bleecker Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward & Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A remonstrance of the Hay Cartmen against granting the prayer of the petition presented at the last meeting requesting that the price for carting Hay might be lowered, was referred to the Committee on Retrenchment.

A remonstrance from sundry owners and [155] inhabitants against the report of the Commissioners of Assessment for enlarging and improving those parts of Washington Street between Courtland and Liberty Streets and between Warren & Chamber Streets was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board.

A petition of Robert P. Deneke for Stall No. 8 Spring Street Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Swartscope, stating he had invented a Machine for cleaning chimnies and praying the countenance of the Board, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Elizabeth Street near Prince Street—which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barron and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors therein.

[156] He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Mott Street near Grand Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented the following notice and stated that after 3 months advertisement no claimants had appeared.

'Corporation Notice.'

Public notice is hereby given, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New York entitled 'An Act authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City

of New York to take possession of certain unclaimed lands' passed March 26. 1819, to the owners of the following property in the said City which have been heretofore sold by order of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, for the payment of sundry taxes and Assessments, in pursuance of the Acts of the Legislature of the people of the [157] State of New York, in such cases made and provided, that the terms for which the said lots, pieces or parcels of land have been sold have expired and the owners of the same are hereby notified to appear and take possession of the said premises— Viz.

(Bayard's East Farm.)

No. 239 east side Elizabeth Street, between Spring & Prince Streets
" 517 west side Mulberry Street, between Hester & Grand Sts.
" 639 west side Orange St. between Hester and Grand Sts.
" 676 east side Hester St. between Elm and Rynder Sts.
" 897 east side Elizabeth St. between Spring and Prince Sts.
" 981 west side Mott St. between Broome and Spring Sts.
" 1007 east side Mulberry St. between Broome and Spring Sts.
" 1159 east side Spring St. between Crosby and Orange Sts.
" 1229 west side Crosby St. bet. Prince & Spring Sts.

[158] (Bayard's West Farm.)

No. 353 west side Laurens St. between Broome and Spring Sts.
" 356 east side Thompson St. bet. Broome and Spring Sts.

(A. Cannon's Farm.)

2 lots west side Cannon St. betwe[e]n Grand and Broome Sts.

By order of the Common Council.

(signed) Jno. M^cComb, St Com^r

whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee to take such measures thereon as they should judge expedient.

He also represented that on the 23^d August last an Ordinance was passed directing a culvert to be built in Amity Street to communicate with the Sewer intended to be built in the 6^th Avenue so as to carry off the Minetta water; but in consequence of the proprietors of property between Amity and 4^th Streets filling up their low grounds the Committee [159] on that subject have directed the culvert to be built in 4^th Street. He would therefore suggest the propriety of repealing the former ordinance and of confirming the one enclosed.

(signed) John M^cComb. St. Com^r

Whereupon an Ordinance repealing the former ordinance of the 23d August was presented and passed and the Ordinance now presented was also passed and Jonathan Thompson, Ezekiel Bishop and John Targee were appointed Assessors therein.

An account for the fees of a Jury in the case of John Mercer & the heirs of Franklin was presented & referred to the Counsel to report thereon.

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Green Street, reported the following resolution:

Resolved that Green Street be regulated from Spring Street to the Southerly side of Grand Street and that the St. Commissioner [160] prepare an Ordinance for the same.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee, to whom had been referred the subject of reducing the pay of the City Watch, presented a report which being read was after some discussion laid for consideration.

The Comptroller presented to the Board an Account of the Attorney of the Corporation for September, October, November and December 1819, and stated as follows: The balance of $15.52 has been paid to the Treasurer this day.

The balance due to the Corporation $334.29 by an Account rendered by the Attorney and presented to the Board on [161] the 7th February last was paid into the Treasury on the 11th inst.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptroller.

whereupon the report was directed to be filed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed:

1	Isaac Lewis	Own.	St. John's Lane & Beach St.	A Lot
2	A. B. Myers	Own.	172 Chatham St.	A Privy
3	A. B. Myers J. Hoyt	Own. Occ.	3 Mott St.	do.
4	J. L. & J. S. Watkins S. Olmstead	Own. Occ.	474 Greenwich St.	do.

5	J. L. & J. S. Watkins James West	Own. Occ.	476	Greenwich St.	A Privy
6	J. L. & J. S. Watkins W[m] B. Davis	Own. Occ.	478	do.	do.

(Signed) Geo. Cuming. City Insp[r]

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of an Ordinance relative to Coenties Slip—which was read & referred to [162] the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

He also presented the counterpart of a Lease for the first story of the Building at No. 9 Duane Street for the accomodation of the Assistant Justice's Court for the 4[th] and 6[th] Wards—which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Certificate of Sale to John B. Dash of a lot of land corner of Perry & Asylum Streets for the term of 40 years—sold for non payment of Assessment for regulating Asylum Street—which was directed to be duly executed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

Hook & Ladder Company No. 4.

Joshua Sawyer—grocer—18 Catharine Slip—4[th] Ward vice James Clark—resigned.

No. 5.

Richard Dunn—account[t] 94 W[m] St. 2[d] Ward vice John Vanderbilt —resigned.

[163] No. 9.

W[m] S. Johnson—Carpenter—213 Washington St. 3[d] Ward—vice John Van Nostrand—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company—No. 28."

John Colier—Cordwainer—106 Church—5[th] Ward—vice Benj[n] Davis—resigned.

W[m] Jones—Smith—110 Hester St. 6[th] Ward—vice Robert Hadley —Expelled.

Thos. Jenkins—Brass Founder—Prince n. B[d] Way—8[th] Ward vice Jacob Valentine—Enlisted.

Peter Smith—Carpenter—Spring Street—8[th] Ward—vice Isaac Vians, Enlisted.

Geo. Stanton—Cartman—Church St. 8[th] Ward—vice Zebulon Brundage, resigned.

No. 40.

George Dominick—Butcher—Elbridge n. Stanton. 10th Wd vice Timothy Baldwin—resigned.

No. 42.

Edward Gumbs—Cooper—45 Bancker St. 4th Ward vice John Millard—resigned.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips, to whom was referred the subject of renting [164] the Public Docks & Slips for the ensuing year, Reported: the following resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to give notice in the papers employed by this Board that proposals will be received at his office till the 3d day of April at 2 o'clock for one year's Lease from the first day of May next of the Wharves, Piers and Slips belonging to the Corporation, subject to the Ordinances on that subject—such proposals to contain the names of the sureties offered for the due performance of the proposition.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Samuel Stevens
Asa Mann
Robert McQueen
Hermanus Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Charity, on the application from the Society for Promotion of Industry soliciting a larger donation [165] than heretofore allowed—reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration and have had an interview with one of the directresses and were informed that unless the Corporation would grant a large sum they could not open their House, having expended all their funds the last season.

Your Committee have also learned that the Board of Directresses have finally closed their Institution without any expectation of again re-opening it.

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
David Board

whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Communication from the City Sealer of Weights & Measures, reported:

That they have had this subject under consideration and they agree in opinion with him that many inconve- [166] niences arise to the City

from having two Sealers of Weights and Measures, but that this is an evil which can be avoided by the Board in no other way than by abolishing their own office of Weighmaster which the Committee presume the Board would not agree to do. In relation to so much of the communication as recommends the appointment of a new Officer, to be called the Inspector of Weights and Measures, your Committee believe that we have offices enough already.

In relation to so much of the Communication as relates to the diameters of the dry measures your Committee observe that the Board have not the power to remedy the evil.

And in relation to the recommendation of not permitting any measures to be sold unless first sealed, your Committee do not know that the Corporation have power; and if they have, your Committee think it would not be expedient [167] to use it, even tho' it appears that the people of Philadelphia do so.

In relation to examining the Scales, as well as the Balances, your Committee think it would be proper in the revision of the Laws to insert a clause on this subject making a penalty for having the scales as well as the balances incorrect.

In relation to the not allowing of lead weights to be used, your Committee think that the Board ought to prohibit the use of them, altho' the Sealer thinks there would be a saving to the grocers in the expences of sealing by so doing.

In relation to the last subject of the City Sealer's communication, which is John Edwards' Scale Beams, your Committee believe it is not necessary for the Board to interfere, but that they (the said Edwards and the City Sealer) both be left to exercise their rights and to perform their duties.

The Committee hope that they have expressed an opinion & given consideration [168] to all the subjects which can grow out of the Office of the City Sealer, and conclude their report by offering the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel, in revising the Laws, insert a clause, making it penal to have the Scales out of order or incorrect or which do not of themselves balance.

(Signed) Samuel Stevens
John Morss
Benj^{n} Crane

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Retrenchments, on the subject of abolishing the Office of Superintendant of Wharves & Piers, reported:

That they have had the subject of said resolution under consideration and are satisfied that the said Office may be done away without any inconvenience, as the Superintendant of repairs is willing to attend to the duties thereof. They therefore recommend the [169] adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the Office of Superintendant of Wharves, Piers & Slips be and the same is hereby abolished.

(Signed) John Morss
Wm A. Davis
John Hone
Samuel Stevens

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee, on the petition for extending Lispenard Street, reported:

That Lispenard Street is already opened to within about 200 feet of Broadway: That it is about 50 feet wide and is built on both sides with good substantial houses, most of which are of brick and many of them valuable. That by extending it to Broadway the Street will be much improved and the property materially advanced in value: That most of the proprietors of the property fronting on the Street are very desirous of having the Street extended, and that all the [170] proprietors of the premises required for extending the Street to within 200 feet of Broadway, except Messrs. Isaac Lawrence and Elbert Anderson, have agreed to vest in the Corporation all the premises required for that purpose & that they own but two lots which front on Canal Street. The Committee are of opinion that the value conferred upon the property benefitted would so far exceed the damages that the Commissioners could not with propriety and therefore would not assess any sum upon the Corporation on account of the Buildings. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that Lispenard Street be extended to Broadway, provided all the proprietors of the property required for that purpose to within 200 feet of Broadway, with the exception of Isaac Lawrence & Elbert Anderson vest the same in the Corporation for a public street.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board take the necessary measures for [171] carrying the resolution into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
John Morss
Shivers Parker
Steph. P. Brittain
Asa Mann

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Resolved that the Street Committee, to whom on the 31st of January last had been referred the petition of William Paulding and others praying that the Sewer now building in Chapel Street be extended to Duane Street, be discharged from the further consideration thereof and that it be referred to the Canal Committee.

Resolved that the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 8th Wards be authorized to hire for one year from the 1st of May next Rooms for the accommodation of the District Court for those Wards.

[172] The Comptroller reported

Balance in Treasury 6th inst	25.93	
Recd for penalties of Attorney	334.29	
" Fines & Costs—Justices Court 7th & 10th Wds	87.94	
" 4th Street opening	237.	
" Wells & Pumps	100.	785.16

6 Accounts Audited.

Jno. Mullanphy—rent Wharf Courtland St. 1 quarter 1st February	75.	
Chs. Mooney—acct pavg Orange St	200.	
Jno. Williams—bal. regg Green St	161.70	
Jno. Bailey—acct pavg Ludlow St	150.	
Wm Bailey—on acct of North St	95.	
Hugh Donocho—1st Instalment—Well in Mott St	48.34	730.04
	Balance	$55.12

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[173] In Common Council March 20 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Herms Tallman
John Morss	Benjn Crane
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Return of the Keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell of the persons confined therein. He observed that he had [174] visited the prison since the last report and found it neat and in perfect order.

Whereupon the report was directed to be filed.

A remonstrance against extending Lispenard Street to Broadway —was presented and referred to the Street Committee

A petition from Rachel Underwood, Lessee of Cellar No. 12 Washington Market and of Henry Cochrane, her surety, praying on account of losses and misfortunes of said Rachel that the quit rent, which will be due 1st May next, may be remitted to her—was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Fisher for Stall No. 12 Catharine Market and of John J. Fink for Stall No. 14 Washington Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Richard Varick that the permanent line or North Boundary of Dey [175] Street from the southeasterly side of Greenwich Street may be duly established—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Messrs. Pott & McKinne, praying that a suit instituted against Captain Donald Mackay, Master of Ship Chauncey from Canton, for neglecting to report his passengers may be discontinued was read & referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the penalty.

Petitions from G. B. Storm and from Samuel Y. Allaire, for remission of fines incurred by selling liquor without licence—was read and referred to the Police Committee with like authority.

A petition of Samuel Evans stating that he has contracted for a Horse Boat to run upon the Ferry granted to him by the Corporation, but upon examining the situation of Walnut Street Slip, where the Ferry is at present [176 located he finds it unsuitable for the purpose and therefore prays he may be permitted to run his Boat from Gouverneur Slip to Little Street on Long Island—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Letter to his Honor the Mayor, from John T. Irving Esqr. a Representative in the Legislature of this State from this City, communicating the substance of a Bill now before the House of Assembly altering the Poor-Law, which he considered as materially affecting the interest of the City—was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A petition of Robert Latimer, offering upon certain terms to work the 3d Avenue from Hell gate round to the first Mill Pond Bridge near Harlaem Town and to board a number of the convicts at 20 cents per day—was read and referred to [177] the Road Committee.

A petition of Isaac Lawrence to be permitted to construct a Vault in Duane Street corner of Broadway and a similar one from Joseph T. Jacobs for a vault corner of Robinson and Greenwich Streets, were read and referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant on the usual terms.

A petition in behalf of G. W. Cooper to be permitted to make use of an Area in front of his house corner of William and Beaver Sts. by covering it over with plank, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Ammi Chase for appointment as Wood Inspector—was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Henry Pritchard to be permitted to sell pies in the City Hall during the sittings of the Courts—was referred to the [178] Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A petition of Parsells & Armstrong, on subject of a Contract respecting Streets—was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Charles Brooks, praying to be relieved from a tax levied on him in the 4th Ward, he being insolvent & unable to pay, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating & paving Green Street from the southerly side of Grand Street to Spring Street—which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russel and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Laurens near Bleecker

Street—which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

[179] He also informed the Board that on the 14th and 21st September 1818 eight houses and Lots were sold for the payment of taxes, all of which have been redeemed by the respective owners and that the balance that remained in his hands, after having repaid the purchasers, has been deposited in the Treasury amounting to $73.56 cents.

(signed) John McComb, St. Commr

whereupon his report was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller presented a report, recommending that the Counsel be instructed to take measures for the appraisement of Corporation property at Brooklyn, the leases of which had expired—which was referred to the Counsel.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

No. 10.

George Foster—shoemaker—31 Orange St. 4th Ward vice Elisha B. Shaw—resigned.

[180] Moses E. Palmer—carpenter: Christie St. 10th Ward vice Danl Townsend, appd Fire Warden

Abraham Lent—sail maker—79 Forsythe St. 10th Ward vice Jacob Parcel—Expelled.

No. 20.

Wm Carl—Harness maker—Pump n. Cross—6th Ward—vice Thomas Hopper, resigned

No. 39.

Alfred A. McKenny—accountt 24 Rector St. 1st Ward vice Saml S. Wyckoff—resigned.

William Snell—accountt 24 Rector St. 1st Ward—vice Saml S. Wyckoff—resigned.

The City Inspector reported ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	J. Stephens & Mr. *Merceau* [Mersereau]	Own.	13 White St.		a Privy
	A. Judah	Occ.			
2	Philip Brasher	Own.	61 Beekman st.		do.
3	G. Haight	Own.	90 Liberty St.		do
	J. Watkins	Occ.			
4	G. Haight	Own.	88 do.		do.
	Wm S. Popham	Occ.			

5	J. K. Vanderbilt	Les.	68	William St.	a Privy
	[181] Mrs. Byron	Own.	160	Fly Market	do.
	M. Latham	Occ.			
7	J. Walton	Own.	164	do.	do.
	J. Harris	Occ.			
8	Mrs. Byron	Own.	152	do.	do.
	P. J. Mead	Occ.			
9	Mrs. Byron	Own.	154	do.	do.
	J. C. Lopez	Occ.			
10	Mrs. Byron	Own.	156	do.	do.
	A. Niven	Occ.			
11	Mrs. Byron	Own.	150	do.	do.
	Mrs. R. Niven	Occ.			
12	J. Travis	Les. & Occ.	147	Water Street	do.
13	G. Haight	Own.	151	do	do
	C. Rosencrants	Occ.			
14	G. Haight	Own. & Occ.	153	do.	do
15	Mrs. Byron	Own.	149	Front St.	do
	W^m^ Terry	Occ.			
16	Mr. Morton	Agt.	147	do	do
	J. Place	Occ.			
17	G. Janeway	Own.	31	Augustus St.	do.
	A. Durling	Occ.			
18	E. Archer	Own.	8	Vandewater St.	do.
	Mrs. Sillcock	Occ.			
	[182] J. Coster	Own. & Occ.	20	Bancker st.	do.
20	P. Barry	Les.	22	do.	do.
	T. Duff	Occ.			
21	W. Bowne	Own.	24	do	do.
	A. M^c^*Gargle* [Gargh]	Occ.			
22	C. Reed	Les. & Occ.	26	do	do.
23	Elias Matthews	Les. & Occ.	55	James St.	do.
24	C. Meeks	Own.		Hester St.	a Lot
25	J. M^c^Anulty	Les.		Chrystie St.	do.
26	R. Stoddard	do.		Leonard St.	do.
27	T. C. Butler	Own.		Hester St.	do.
	J. Densmore	Occ.			
28	E. Matthews	Les. & Occ.	55	James St.	do.
29	Patrick Barry	Les.	22	Bancker St.	do.

(Signed) G. Cuming City Insp^r^

He also stated that a Lot on Rhynder Street had been sold on the 1st inst. for non payment of an Assessment, but that the purchaser had not appeared to pay for the same; that it was in a state of Nuisance, and recommended the Nuisance to be abated at public expence, the cost thereof [183] to remain a lien on the land—which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Stephen D. Beekman & others, reported:

That altho' the law requires the proprietors of ground fronting on West & South Streets to make such parts of those Streets as lie in front of their premises, when required so to do by the Corporation, yet that it has not provided any mode of compelling them so to do, and that all the grants under which those persons hold who have failed to comply do not require them to make South Street.

Under these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that it is expedient that application should be made to the Legislature to amend the law. They have therefore procured a Law to be drafted remedying the defects of the existing law and also a Memorial to the Legislature [184] explaining the necessity of its being passed and also praying that it may receive their sanction.

The Law and Memorial are herewith submitted and the Committee recommend to the Board that they should be forthwith submitted to the Legislature.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Asa Mann
Herms Tallman
Samuel Stevens

which was approved & the Memorial directed to be duly executed & together with the Bill accompanying the same to be transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of renting a room for the Assistant Justice's Court in the 7th and 10th Wards, reported:

That they have procured the Room mentioned in the annexed memorandum, [185] being the 2d Story of the House known as Nos. 120 & 122 Division Street and that the rent of the same is $125. for the said year, payable quarterly and they recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the counterpart of a Lease in conformity to the said Memorandum.

(Signed) Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Allen
J. Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, to whom had been referred the draught of a Law reported by the Counsel, entitled "A Law to amend a Law entitled 'A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rates of Wharfage," reported the same amended in the words following:

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, [186] Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened—That if the master, owner or person having charge of any vessel or small craft whatever, excepting such as belong to the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut or any or either shall after the 1st day of May next come into or lie at or within Coenties Slip, the owner, master or person having charge of any such vessel or small craft shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of $25. and the further sum of $10 for every 24 hours such vessel shall lie at or within the said Slip."

Upon the question of passing the same, it was carried in the Affirmative. The ayes and nays, having been called by Alderman Mann, were as follow:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder. Aldermen Hone: King: Anthony: Morss: McQueen: Thorp: Allen. Messrs. Bolton: Tallman: Crane: Westervelt: [187] Parker: Brittain: Board: Davis: Hammond.

Negative. Alderman Mann: Mr. Stevens.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred a report of a Committee on subject of the accounts of the District Attorney and Clerk of the Sessions &c. reported:

That having examined the subject it appears to them that the various statutes heretofore made, and now in force on this subject, are so constructed that considerable embarrassment is likely to exist for some time to come in this practice under them, inasmuch as these Statutes are loose and the interfering interests arising under them will, it is apprehended, require more time & labor for settling and composing than would be requisite for the introduction of a new and simple provision which might at once preclude the practicability of

conflicting claims arising between the different officers of these [188] courts on these subjects, and which should also at the same time provide against any large and unexpected drafts upon the Treasury for services performed in the criminal courts. It is undoubtedly an object of considerable importance that these courts, as far as may be practicable consistently with the due administration of this department of our jurisprudence should not become a public burthen. As the laws now stand, however, it is not practicable to determine beforehand the amount which the Board may be called upon to pay annually out of the Treasury; and conceiving it desirable not merely to reduce what is now uncertain to a known standard but also to diminish the amount to be paid out of the Treasury, your Committee have become satisfied that the public will be benefitted by making these two officers a reasonable compensation for their services by means of a fixed salary [189] to be paid to them respectively in lieu of all fees for services rendered by them in relation to any proceedings in the said Courts.

In pursuance whereof, it is the opinion of your Committee that there ought to be allowed and paid to the District Attorney an annual salary in lieu of all fees for services to be performed by him in the criminal courts above mentioned and for services to be performed in reference to proceedings in those courts, not exceeding $3000 nor less than $2000. and that he be permitted to have and take to his own use the taxable costs which shall be collected by him in all such civil suits and proceedings as shall be carried on by him by virtue of his office aforesaid in any of the Common Law Courts other than the criminal courts above mentioned, and that nothing herein contained be construed to enable the District Attorney in any event to call upon this Board for the payment of any other or greater sum than such salary as aforesaid [190] and that there should not be any allowance made to him for disbursements, clerk hire or for stationary: That there be allowed and paid to the said Clerk in lieu of all fees heretofore allowed him for services to be performed by him as such clerk an annual salary not exceeding $2000 nor less than $1500. and that a further annual allowance, not exceeding $500 for under clerk hire & Stationary be paid to the said Clerk.

Your Committee are of opinion that this would be a liberal & sufficient allowance to those officers respectively & that they should once in every month render their accounts verified by oath & pay over to the City Treasury all the monies collected by them in virtue of

their said Offices. The following resolution is therefore respectfully submitted:

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare the draught of a law in conformity with [191] the foregoing report and the usual petition to the Legislature.

(Signed) J. Hammond
S. Allen
J. P. Anthony
E. W. King

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee, on petition of Abraham Stagg, reported:

That the facts as stated are true and that in their opinion the Contractor ought to complete the work before any more money is paid. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that Abraham Stagg complete his contract for regulating and paving Grand Street, to the satisfaction of the Inspector on or before the 15th day of April next.

Resolved that if said Stagg neglect or refuses to complete his contract as aforesaid the Street Commissioner be authorized to employ a suitable person to complete [192] the same agreeably to the tenor of the Contract and to deduct the cost from the amount due and to allow said Stagg the balance.

(Signed) A. Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of John Sloan, reported:

That they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration after having had surveys & calculations made of the earth remaining in the several streets embraced in the contract made by John Sloan with this Board, from all which your Committee are of opinion that this Board do pay the said Sloan $40. for 1000 loads of earth deposited in Green Street at 4 cents per load, the price mentioned in his contract, & that said Sloan be permitted to remove all [193] the surplus earth remaining in the said Streets for his own use, excepting 1757 loads which is the balance after fulfilling his said Contract. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that John Sloan be paid $40. for 1000 loads of earth deposited by him in Green Street.

Resolved that John Sloan be permitted to remove all the surplus earth remaining in Thompson Street and Laurens Street, excepting 1757 loads which shall be retained to be disposed of by this Corporation.

(signed) J. B. Taylor
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for filling in Lewis & Stanton Streets, reported the following resolution: Resolved [194] that Stanton Street be regulated from Pitt Street to the easterly side of the bulk-head.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Simon Fleet, presented a report—which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The same Committee, on the petition of Robert Latimer, reported (in respect to the exhibition of a Camera Obscura in the streets), the following resolution:

Resolved that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

(signed) J. B. Taylor
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[195] The same Committee, on the petition of the President & Directors of the Manhattan Company, reported:

That on examination they find that altho' it would be proper to have those Streets and lanes spoken of regulated immediately, it is found to be private property except Bleecker Street. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved that Bleecker Street be regulated from Broadway to

Wooster Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
S. P. Brittain
A. Mann
J. Morss
S. Parker

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The Finance Committee, on the communication of the Street Commissioner respecting [196] property assessed for opening Canal Street, which assessment is still due, reported:

That they have examined the list alluded to and have selected such of the property described, which they have designated by the Letter A, as in their opinion is liable for the payment of the Assessments still due, and they propose the following resolution on the subject:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to take the necessary legal measures to enforce the payment of the amounts due on the property designated by the Letter A in the accompanying list of property assessed for *Capening* [opening] Canal Street.

(Signed) S. Allen
J. Hone
J. Hammond
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[197] The property marked A was as follows:
Viz.

Street.	Farm Nos.	Ward Nos.	To whom Assessed	Present Owners	Remarks	Dlls. Cts.
Chatham St	Back grd	9½ & 10	P. & G. Lorillard	Corporn lease W. Mooney		7.30
do.	13		Robt. Charles	Assigned Nov. 6. 1811	Part of Chamber St	12.80
do.	14	255	R. P. Lawrence	" Jan. 8. 1812	do.	9.46
do.	15	256	do.	" do.	do.	10.56
Augustus St			A. Binnerye	"	do.	7.58
Augustus St	22	253	Jno. Good	leased 1811	do.	7.70
Chapel St			Estate A. Lispenard	late A. L. Stewarts'	part Provoost St	19.
Duane St	17	259	R. P. Lawrence		sd to be Corporation	10.34
do.			Phœbe Lent	Phœbe Lent		11.74
Duane St			Henry Heiser	part Ben. Romaine	part Hudson St	24.36
Hudson St			Jno. Dickenson	John Staples		12.16
do			Lispenard & Stewart	R. M. Livingston		108.46
Thompson St	392		Ben. Evertson	Elizth Evertson		34.91
Mulberry St	1090		S. V. Rennselar	Wm Wright	Collectn Suspended	14.94
do	1091		Jno. Lawrence	do.	do.	10.67
Broome St	334		Estate A. Lispenard	R. M. Livingston		31.74
Spring St	30 to 33		Presbytn Church		Collectn Suspended	60.80
Canal St			Sam. Jones Jr			211.56

The Counsel, to whom was referred the account of Jury fees in the case of John Mason [198] and the Heirs of Franklin, reported:

That there is no law which regulates the fees of Jurors in cases under the Act by virtue of which the property above mentioned was taken: That the Law regulating the fees of Jurors in the Mayor's Court only extends to cases in which they are sworn in actions pending therein. The compensation which the Jury are entitled to receive in the present case is what is reasonable. The Counsel has made enquiry as to what it has been customary to allow jurors for like services and is informed that it was $3. a day to each Juror which is the sum charged in the Bill referred to him.

respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for $..... in the name of the Counsel for the payment of the same.

The Counsel reported that the plaintiffs in the case of Herman Le Roy & others [199] against the Corporation, praying an injunction to restrain the collection of the Assessment for making a common Sewer in Canal Street have appealed from the decision of the Chancellor to the Court of Errors. Whereupon it was resolved that the Counsel be authorized to employ additional counsel to aid him in the prosecution of said suit.

He also presented a deed to Peter Embury for Lot No. 19 near Washington Market sold to him by the Corporation under the direction of the Comptroller—which deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 13th inst.....	55.12	
Recd for Streets.....	4866.02	
" Tax 1819—2d Ward.....	2000.	
" Excise	109.	7030.14

16 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch. 1st dist.....	1167.25
[200] Hibberd & Clark—Watch 2d dist.....	756.
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.....	462.
T. & J. Swords—State Laws & Mr. Stanford's Catechism.	204.07
Wm Buckmaster—dischargg rockets 25 Nov. last.....	15.
J. W. Weyman—Clerk Sessions—to pay Witnesses.....	6.
Matthew Crosby—26 Casks Oil.....	2189.25
Smith Bloomfield—acct regg & pavg Chapel st.....	700.
C. Mooney—acct pavg Bowery from North to Jones St....	500.
Pinkerton & Forgye—acct pavg Market St.....	250.

Peter Debaun—acct regg McDougall St	250.	
J. Quin—acct pavg Sullivan St. from Broome to Watts St	200.	
J. Sloan—acct regulg Wooster St. between Spring & Broome Sts	100.	
H. Smith—fillg a vacant lot on Rynder St. collected by Sale of Lot	44.	
Hugh Donocho—acct Well Thompson St	50.	
Jno. Gallagher—bal. Well Green St	39.60	6933.17
	Balance	$96.97

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[201] In Common Council March 27. 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	John J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of James Hume, praying that the drain across the 2d Avenue between 18th & 20th Streets may be laid lower as the streets are overflowed in consequence of its being laid too high—was referred to the Road Committee.

[202] A Letter from George Janeway, complaining of the permission given to the Society of United Christian Friends to construct vaults under the Street in front of their church in Augustus Street, was read & referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of Benjamin Armitage, stating that in June 1817 he paid to Morris De Camp, Collector appointed by the Corporation, $42. for an Assessment laid upon Lot No. 3494 in the 10th Ward owned by him for regulating Rivington Street; that he finds said Lot was in Nov. 1818 sold for the term of 14 years under the orders of the Corporation for non-payment, as was alleged, of the above Assessment; & praying relief—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of a number of inhabitants concerned in vessels that

pay Wharfage by the year for lying in the public docks [203] and Slips, complaining of the extra charge of 20 cents per day to which they are by law subject after being in the Slip 21 days and praying a repeal or modification of said Law—was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from the Rev. Alexander McLeod, praying relief from taxes assessed on his dwelling-house, being informed that as a Clergyman he is exempted by law therefrom, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Farmer, for permission to construct a vault in front of his House No. 161 William Street, was referred to the St. Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A representation from the Assessors of the 9th Ward in the year 1818, stating that in that year in making an Assessment of the tax upon the property of Thomas Pringle a mistake was made, and they recommended [204] that the sum of $14 25/100 should be refunded to him—was referred to the Committee of Assessments.

A petition from the Butchers of the upper Fly Market, stating that from particular circumstances but little business is done in that part of the market, and praying to be permitted to remove to some part of the lower or country market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Burnell Brown, stating that he is owner of several lots fronting on the Bowery, upon which an assessment has been laid for paving said street: that he has been assessed for 25 feet more on the easterly side of said Street than he owns and praying relief—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of William Ferguson, stating that he has been prosecuted for firing a [205] gun in the Street; that not knowing of the Ordinance of the Corporation on that subject he had on the 22d February last in honor of the Anniversary of the birth-day of George Washington fired a gun several times as he had been accustomed to do on the return of that day, and praying that the fine may be remitted, was read. Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of petitioner be granted.

A petition of John Winship, Thomas Winship and Nathaniel Mott, Butchers in Grand Street Market, praying remission of fine for selling meat on Sunday, was referred to the Police Committee.

The Annual report from the Trustees of the City Dispensary of persons vaccinated by that Institution from 16th March 1819 to 16th March 1820 was received & directed to be filed. By this report it

appeared that 582 persons had been vaccinated; 220 at the Dispensary and 362 at their own residences.

[206] A petition of Joseph T. Jacobs for permission to construct a Stone Cistern in the Street in front of his house corner of Robinson & Washington Streets, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner to grant, if he judged proper, on the usual terms.

A petition of Charles Byrnes, to continue to sell goods at auction in the Street at Chatham Square, was presented and laid on the Table, to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on that subject shall be taken up.

A petition of Stephen Sammers, stating that he has been blind for 14 years past; that his occupation has been opening oysters and praying to be permitted to continue to sell oysters on the sidewalk near Coffee house Slip—was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

[207] A petition of Richard B. Cowley to be permitted to remove on Trucks a frame house from Elm to Broome St. was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 6th & 8th Wards.

A petition of Ransom Beach for appointment of Measurer of grain —was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition from sundry inhabitants near Roosevelt Street Slip praying that a Bulkhead may be sunk in a line with the contemplated line of South Street—was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of the Inhabitants in Hubert Street, stating that in consequence of the lowness of the part of the Street they are incommoded by the water coming into their houses & praying relief—was read & referred to the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance to remedy the inconvenience.

[208] A Memorial from the owners & inhabitants in vicinity of William Street and Maiden Lane, stating that from the lowness of that part of the City at the junction of those Streets great inconvenience is experienced in times of a fall of rain and praying that a bridge of flat or other stones may be made across Maiden Lane from the westerly sidewalk of William Street, also praying that the old bridge across William Street may be repaired—was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward.

A petition that a Watchman may be stationed at the intersection of Pump & Orange Streets—was referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of Laban Gardner for permission to report and bond

for certain Alien passengers which arrived on 17th September last in the Brig Nimrod, Samuel Fisher [209] master from St. John's N. B. but which passengers were not, on account of the yellow fever then prevailing in the City and from the ignorance of said Master, then duly reported—was referred to the Police Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen the (Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies)

Fire Engine Companies.

No. 1.

Steph. Hemeon—Mason—41 Watts St. 8th Ward—vice Samuel Davis—appd Fire Warden

No. 16.

Wm Lowry—druggist—7 Park—Second Ward—to complete the Company.

No. 29.

Isaac Harring—Carpenter—Hammond St. 1st Ward vice Alexander Richie—removed.

Ezekiel Miles—grocer—Greenwich St. 9th Ward vice Halmah Van Winkle—removed.

The Superintendant of Repairs presented a Communication, stating that on 22d [210] Jany last he paid to Abraham Storms $985 $\frac{22}{100}$ for repairing the pier South side of Courtland St. that he understands the owner is bound to keep the Pier in repair until May 1821. Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel.

The Street Commissioner presented two ordinances, one for filling & regulating Dey Street from Washington St. to the bulkhead agreeably to the first Ordinance, & one for filling in and regulating agreeably to the second Ordinance—which were passed & John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also on the petition of G. W. Cooper—reported:

That he has examined the situation of the property and is of opinion that granting this request will not be any more interruption on the walk than the platforms which have been permitted in front of shops & stores generally are; but he would beg leave to suggest the [211] propriety of the owners paying therefor the same as for vaults, as those places are constructed for the express purpose of storing Articles therein.

(Signed) Jno. McComb—St. Commr

which was approved.

He also presented a communication on the subject of the decayed state of the Sewers in Broad Street and at Burling Slip—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Bleecker Street from Broadway to Wooster Street—which was passed & Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russell & John Brower were appointed Assessors: also for regulating Stanton Street from Pitt Street to the Bulkhead—which was passed & Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow & Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

He also, agreeably to the report of the Street Committee of this evening, reported an Ordinance for regulating and paving [212] Beach Street from Hudson to Chapel Street and Walker St. from Chapel to Beach Street—which were passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and John Targee were appointed Assessors: Also for regulating Bedford Street from Carmine to Hamersley St. and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow & Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	P. Fitzpatrick	Own.	254 William St.	a Lot
2	B. S. Knapp	Agt.	Hester St.	do
3	A. Murray	Own.	Rivington St.	do
4	M. Hoyt	do.	Sheriff St.	do.
5	R. Riker	do.	Stanton St.	do.
6	J. Martin	do.	Rivington & Sheriff	do.
7	P. Ogilvie	do.	Columbia St.	do
8	Mrs. A Brown	do.	do.	do
9	P. Ogilvie	do.	Rivington St.	do
10	M. Hoyt	do.	do.	do.
11	P. Ogilvie Jr.	do.	do.	do.
[12]	[213] H. White Wm Cruickshank	Own Agt.	Franklin & Elm Sts.	do.
13	Jno. Sloan	Own.	Mercer St.	do.
14	A. Clark	do.	do.	do.
15	A. Walker	do.	do.	do.
16	A. Clark	do.	do.	do.
17	C. Beekman	do.	do.	do.
18	Wm King	do.	Bleecker St.	do.
19	E. Valentine	do.	do.	do.
20	H. Smith	do.	do.	do.

21	E. Valentine	Own.	Green St.		a Lot
22	C. Ray	do.	do.		do.
23	P. W. Livingston	do.	do.		do.
24	A. L. Stewart	do.	do.		do.
25	Sloan & Ferguson	do.	Wooster St.		do.
26	Mrs. Cox	do.	do.		do.
27	A. Walker & A. Clark	do.	do.		do.
28	E. Valentine	do.	do.		do.
29	J. Smith	do.	do.		do.
30	C. Ray	do.	Green St.		do.
31	G. & R. Waite	do.	do		do.
32	C. Ray	do.	Wooster St.		do.
33	[214] Mrs. Lewis J. Smith Wm Bleakley	Own. Agt. Occ.	382	Water St.	A Privy
34	B. Wade S. Erickson	Agt. Occ.	71	Henry st.	do
35	T. Pearsall A. Lockwood	Own. Les. & Occ.	131	Cherry St.	do.
36	R. Giles	Les. & Occ.	50	Harman	do.
37	L. Mallett M. Smith	Own. Occ.	54	do.	do.
38	P. Fitzpatrick	Les. & Occ.	254	William	do.
39	do. Jas. O'Brian	Les. Occ.	252	do.	do
40	S. Paxton R. Rowan	Les. Occ.	124	Fly market	do.
41	Austin & Andrews C. Bullinger	Les. Occ.	126	do.	do.
42	J. H. Loyd Wm A. White	Les. Occ.	146	Water	do.
43	R. S. Kissam G. Astor	Les. Occ.	144	do	do.
44	J. B. Rebout[1] T. Wilmerton	Les. Occ.	132	do	do.
[45]	[215] D Phenix Mrs. Weyman	Les. Occ.	138	Water St.	do.
46	J. Heard	Own. & Occ.	134	do.	do.
47	J. Heard T. Sherman	Own. Occ.	76	Pine St.	do.
48	J. Waddington	Own.	78	do.	do.

49	J. Waddington	Own.	172	Pearl St.	A Privy
	Legget & Shotwell	Occ.			
50	Mrs. Couenhoven	Own.			
	L. Lefferts	Agt.	190	do.	do.
	A. L. Griswold	Occ.			
51	J. Kerby	Own.	182	do.	do.
	Hutton & Brown	Occ.			
52	E. Miller	Les. & Occ.	28	Bancker St.	do
53	Mrs. Stewart	Own.			
	J. W. Milligan	Agt.	200	Church St.	do
	Wm. M. Wilson	Occ.			
54	A. Egbert	Own.	196	Division St.	do.
	E. Earle	Occ.			

(Signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspr

The Counsel presented for execution the counterpart of a lease from Geo. McLaughlin [216] to the Corporation for rooms in Nos 120 & 122 Division St. for accommodation of the Assistant Justice's Court for the 7th & 10th Wards—which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the draught of a Memorial to the Legislature and a corresponding Bill entitled "An Act providing for the compensation of the District Attorney & Clerk of the Courts of Oyer & Terminer & General Gaol Delivery & General Sessions of the Peace in the City of New York—which was directed to be duly authenticated & forwarded to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

The Finance Committee, authorized to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, W. Fish Esqr. reported:

That the investigation of this subject has consumed much more time than your Committee could reasonably have anticipated at its commencement; but [217] they can assure the Board that every exertion has been made within the reach of practicability to facilitate the examination and bring the subject to a final close. Mr. Fish was appointed City Chamberlain in August 1809, more than 10 years since, and during the whole of this period, as your Committee have reason to believe, no examination of his books, or comparison of them with those kept by the Comptroller had taken place.

The errors which have been discovered, both in the books of the Treasurer & Comptroller, are numerous and considerable in amount, and the labor which has been bestowed on the subject by Mr. Fleming, the present Treasurer, the young men employed in the investigation

and your Committee, has been great and arduous. The Committee are happy, however, in now being able to lay before the Board the result of this investigation and to state that the precise balance due the Corporation by the late Treasurer or his sureties is $27,391 and 63 cents, [218] which balance can be substantiated by *by* the entries made in his own books and the Committee hereunto annex for the examination of the Board, a specification of the numerous errors discovered in the course of this investigation, together with the balance against him, as above stated.

In stating the balance due from Mr. Fish or his sureties, it is proper to mention that there was standing to his credit at the Mechanics' Bank at the time of his resignation $14.292 & 28 cents, and that there was due to him at the same time for Salary as Chamberlain $359 & 71 cents and from the State as receiver of the State tax about 700 dollars, making in the whole $15,391 and 99 cents, leaving the amount to be provided by the sureties at $12.039 & 64 cents.

The Committee were under the necessity of employing young men of competent talents to assist in this arduous investigation and they beg leave to recom- [219] mend that Warrants pass for the amount due them for the services they have rendered.

Your Committee wish to be distinctly understood, while pointing out the numerous errors which have been discovered in the books of the former Treasurer & Comptroller that they do not attribute to either of these Officers improper intentions in making the errors alluded to. They no doubt occurred thro' inattention, or a press of business at the moment; and as there was no law which made it their duty to compare accounts at stated times and report the result to the Board, an error once made continued until a new Treasurer was appointed and a comparison of his books with those of the Comptroller was had. Your Committee have it in contemplation to recommend some amendment in the arrangement of the Books kept by the Comptroller, so as to simplify and lessen the number of accounts to be opened with a view to a more regular & perfect system than the present, and which [220] they intend shall be the subject of a future report. They beg leave now to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to receive from the sureties of Whitehead Fish deceased, late City Treasurer, or his legal representatives, the balance due the Corporation at the time of his resignation, amounting to $27.391 $^{63}/_{100}$—agreeably to the specification hereunto annexed.

Resolved that he be farther authorized to receive as a part of said

balance the amount standing to the credit of Mr. Fish at the Mechanics' Bank as Treasurer, and to allow such sum as may appear to be due him by the Corporation for Salary and by the State as Receiver of the State Tax.

Resolved that the Treasurer, on receipt of the balance as aforesaid, be authorized to cancel the bond executed by the sureties of W. Fish Esqr. late Treasurer.

Resolved that in the event of a [221] refusal on the part of said sureties to pay the balance due the Corporation as aforesaid the Counsel be instructed, under direction of the Treasurer, to commence suits against them on their said bond for the recovery of the amount due.

Resolved that a Warrant pass in favor of Mr. Furman for 250 dollars and in favor of Mr. Munn for 100, being the amount due them for services rendered in examining the books of the late Treasurer.

(Signed) Steph. Allen
Benj. Crane
S. P. Brittain
J. Hammond
Jno. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the communication from the Street Commissioner respecting unclaimed lands, reported:

That in the opinion of your Committee, the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty [222] of the City of New York, under and in virtue of the statute in such case made and provided, may make leases of the unclaimed lands mentioned in the said Notice to be holden by the lessees rendering rent to the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty until the rightful owner shall claim the possession and shall pay all sums due thereon for taxes, assessments and also the value of the improvements which may be made or erected on the same by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty or under their authority, over and above all the rents, issues and profits thereof which may be received by the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty or under their authority, provided such owners shall not be compelled for any such improvements [to pay] a sum exceeding ⅔s. of the value of their said lots of land; and provided also that the term so to be granted shall be so limited that it shall not be construed to continue or be in force for any [223] longer or greater term than .... years from and after the date of such lease. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to lease the said lots

on terms and conditions in conformity with the foregoing report for a term not exceeding 14 years, at public Auction.

(Signed) Steph. Allen
J. Hammond
J. Hone
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee, on the petition of the Inhabitants of Hamersley and Houston Streets, reported:

That they have caused public notice to be given requesting all persons interested in the property that might be affected by carrying the object of the petitioners into effect to submit their objections (if any [224] they had) to this Board on or before this day; and as no objections have been made thereto your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to carry the same into effect.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee—on the petition that Beach Street be regulated & paved from Varick to Chapel St. reported:

That they have examined the situation of Beach Street & Walker Street as connected with it and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and therefore beg leave to [225] offer the following resolutions:

Resolved that Beach Street between Hudson & Chapel Streets be regulated & paved.

Resolved that Walker Street between Beach & Chapel Streets be regulated & paved.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare Ordinances for the above purpose.

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee, consisting of the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5th & 8th Wards, to whom it was referred to hire for the ensuing year rooms for the accommodation of the District Court for those Wards, reported:

That they have agreed with Mr. J. Russel for 3 rooms in the second floor of the house on the corners of Beach, Walker and Chapel Streets. This property is held by Mr. Russel under lease from [226] this Board, ... years of which are unexpired. The Committee have agreed with Mr. Russel for One year certain, with the privilege of continuing from year to year until the expiration of his term—the rent to be 75 dollars per annum, and Mr. Russell to be at the expence of the alterations and repairs for the accommodation of the Court; but in case the Corporation should not keep the premises more than one year then they are to allow Mr. Russel 25 dollars in addition to the one year's rent to indemnify him for the alterations and repairs.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to enter into an agreement in pursuance of the above report.

respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. Morss
J. B. Taylor
D. Board
J. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[227] The Committee on Public Offices, on the remonstrance against sales at Auction in Chatham Square, presented a report. The petition of Charles Byrne was called up and read. The report of the Committee was as follows:

That having had said remonstance under consideration, together with a petition from Simon Fleet for permission to sell at auction in said Square, and having patiently investigated the same are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted and that Mr. Byrnes & others who have heretofore been permitted do cease to sell goods by auction in the public Square as aforesaid, on & after the 1st day of May next. The Committee would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant permission to any person or persons to sell goods by Auction in Chatham Square, whereby the Street or sidewalks shall be encumbered.

Resolved that from & after the [228] 1st day of May next, all per-

mits which may have been heretofore granted to persons to sell by Auction in Chatham Square be annulled.

(Signed) B. Crane
J. Morss
T. Bolton

Mr. Stevens moved to insert in the first resolution a proviso in favor of Charles Byrne—which was agreed to. The question was taken on the resolution as amended—which passed in the negative. The question was then taken on the 2[d] resolution and agreed to.

The Market Committee, on the petition of John Fisher for Stall No. 12 Catharine Market reported the following:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(Signed) H. Tallman
S. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[229] The same Committee, on petition of Rachel Underwood & Henry Cochran, to lease cellar No. 12 under Washington Market, reported the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

(Signed) Herm[s] Tallman
Steph. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of Robert P. Denike, for Stall No. 8 Spring Street Market, reported the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(Signed) H. Tallman
S. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[230] The Ferry Committee, on the Memorial of the inhabitants of Brooklyn, complaining of the conduct of the lessees of that Ferry, presented a report. A Remonstrance from a Committee in behalf of the New York & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company was also

presented. The Report & Remonstrance were read & after some discussion the consideration of both was postponed.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the Letter of John T. Irving Esqr. reported:

That it appears to them that the 2d Section of the proposed Act communicated by Mr. Irving is calculated to be extremely injurious to this City by opening a door to all vagrant poor to acquire a settlement therein. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that immediate steps ought to be taken by this Board to remonstrate against the passing of the 2d Section [231] of the said Act: and farther that the 2d Section of the Act of 1813 mentioned by Mr. Irving in his note ought neither to be repealed or altered. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare with all convenient speed a remonstrance in conformity with this report and that his Honor the Mayor be authorized & requested to cause the Seal of the Common Council to be affixed thereto in the recess of the Board and that the same be forwarded to the Legislature with all convenient speed.

(Signed) J. Hammond
S. Allen
J. B. Taylor
J. P. Anthony

which was approved & the resolution adopted and his Honor the Mayor was requested in the recess of the Board to cause the same to be duly authenticated & transmitted to the Legislature.

[232] The Committee of Public Offices, on the petition of J. C. Segoine, owner of Schooner Native, reported:

That Captain Cole had the permission of an Alderman of this Board to lay his vessel in Fly Market Slip, for which a penalty was afterward exacted by the Attorney of the Board. The Committee think that this is a case in which the petitioner is clearly entitled to relief. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board refund the five dollars being the penalty recovered from Captain Cole.

(Signed) S. Stevens
T. Bolton
B. Crane
W. A. Davis

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Resolved that the subject of the expences to be charged for working the 3d Avenue be referred to the Finance Committee.

[233] Mr. Davis presented the following—which was adopted

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms house, Bridewell & Penitentiary allow the Keeper of the Penitentiary such additional compensation as they may deem just in consideration of the duties required of him as Superintendant of Convicts while forming & repairing Roads.

A resolution directing the Superintendant of Repairs to procure lamps for the Sessions Court & to repair the roof of the Old Alms' house, was referred to the Committee of Repairs with powers to act.

The Comptroller laid before the Board the proposals he had received for leasing the Street Manure—whereupon the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

The several proposals were opened & considered. Whereupon it was resolved that the proposal of Walter Furman & Charles Dobbs for the lease of the Street Manure [234] for 9 months from 1st May next, offering therefore $3,410. be accepted on condition that they give such sureties for the performance of the same as shall be approved by the Finance Committee's Chairman.

Alderman Allen communicated to the Board that as Chairman of the Finance Committee he had called on Wm H. Bunn who had been employed by the former Finance Commee to cancel the small Bills of credit issued by the Corporation for a statement of his account in relation to that transaction and upon examining the same, he found there was a considerable balance due from Mr Bunn to the Corporation and he was afraid there would be some difficulty in obtaining payment of the Balance

Whereupon Resolved that it be refered to the Finance Committee; with authority to settle the same on the best terms they can procure

The Comptroller Reported:

Balce in Treasury 20th inst	96.97	
Received for rents	4008.74	
" " Canal St. Sewer	2700.	6805.71

22 Accounts Audited.

Holly & Waterbury—Work at Mud Machine 25th Feb. to 18th inst	106.32
[235] Lewis & Hall—subscriptn to Commercial Advertiser 5½ months	68.75
J. Eastburn & Co. 4 packs Invitation Cards 25th Nov. 1818	10.

G. Gilbert—Register—recordg sundry deeds	8.94	
Jesse Dowe—Coach hire to Bellevue August 1818	6.	
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps—1 month to 1st April	609.85	
O. Edwards—for payment Jury fees assessing damages, case of J. Mason & heirs of Walter Franklin	72.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves & piers to 13th inst	47.25	
Geo. Lovett—acct reprs. W' side Pike Slip	600.	
Hugh Donocho—in full for Well in Mott south of Grand St.	48.34	
Alexr H. Mooney—acct for Well in Mott north of Grand St.	46.75	
Abm Kidney—inspectg pavg of Streets balance last year	249.38	
James Meghan— bal. pavg Warren St	205.28	
Pinkerton & Forgie—acct do. Market St	200.	
[236] Smith Bloomfield—acct regulating & pavg Chapel St.	200.	
Thos. Scott—acct pavg Dey St	200.	
Titus Conkling—award for property to widen Roosevelt St.	77.	
Executors of Enoch Conkling—decd awd for property to widen Roosevelt St	38.50	
Buel Conkling do. do.	38.50	
Elizabeth Conkling do. do.	38.50	
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for repairs	700.	
Mechanics' Bank—bond for Canal St. Sewer & interest	3047.75	6619.11
	Balance	$186.60

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[237] In Common Council Apr. 3. 1820.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
E. W. King	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Saml Stevens
John Morss	Hermn Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	Jno. J. Westervelt
J. B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	S. P. Brittain
	D. Board
	J. Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of George B. Storms for remission of penalty incurred under the Excise Law was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the penalty.

An Account of William B. Cozzens amounting [238] to $283. for refreshments furnished the Court and Jury from March 14th to 17th

last inclusive—was presented & a Warrant directed to issue for payment thereof. Mem. This was on the Trial of Robt. M. Goodwin.

A petition of Adam D. Smith for relief from a tax imposed on him by the Assessors of the 3d Ward for his personal property, he being an inhabitant of Suffolk County & at no time possessing real or personal property in the City of New York—was referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to grant relief.

A petition of Peter Kemp & of George Sibell for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without licence—was read & referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit.

A petition of Abraham Kidney for himself and John Crichton for permission to construct 3 vaults in Lispenard Street: A [239] similar petition from M. & B. Townsend for a vault in front of 237 William Street, and from Thomas Taylor for vault in front of No. 15 Broadway—were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A petition from Joseph Willoughby for payment of 390 loads of earth carted by him at the foot of Charlton Street, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition from sundry inhabitants that Oliver Street may be laid out agreeably to the report of the Assessors—was read and referred to—Aldermen Mann Taylor Mr. Stevens Alderman Anthony Mr. Brittain

A petition of Kip & Ingraham, to be released from an Assessment of $129 $^{30}/_{100}$ assessed upon them for regulating Dey [240] Street, they having previously performed that work under direction of the Street Commissioner and at their own expence, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from sundry inhabitants stating that the Bell on Duane Market is broken and praying that another Bell may be hung on the cupola of said Market to give alarm to the neighbourhood in case of fire, was read & referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A petition of Jacob Hanike for Stall No. 7 Spring Street Market, was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of David Cudlipp for relief from penalty recovered against him for selling liquor without licence, he being only an Agent & not selling on his own account, was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the petition.

[241] A petition of Thomas Mooney for permission to remove a frame building from the corner of Orange and Cross Streets to the

corner of Anthony & Little Water Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th Ward with authority to grant the petition.

A petition for a Well and pump corner of North and Allen Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of Water Furman & Charles Dobbs, Contractors for Street Manure, praying that their Contract may be extended to one year & 9 months—was read & leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

Supply Engine Co. No. 1.

Robert Aikman—Turner—159 William St. 2d Ward. [242] vice Timothy Baldwin—Removed.

John B. Schmelzel, grocer, White c. Church, 5th Ward vice Isaac B. Skaats, Resigned.

Fire Engine Company No. 10.

Jacob Schureman—Carpenter—Bowery—9th Ward—vice David Delancey—Resigned

No. 14.

George Dewitt—carver & gilder—160 Fulton, 3d Ward vice David Jacobs—Resigned.

No. 20.

Thos. Hopper, Cooper, 98 Greenwich St. 1st Ward. vice Robert Wiley—Resigned.

No. 41.

Nehemh Palmer—Smith—Ridge n. Rivington. 10 Ward—vice John Hyer—Resigned.

Harrison Palmer—Smith—Ridge n. Rivington 10th Wd vice John O. Clark—Expelled.

The Street Commissioner represented that in the case of opening & improving Roosevelt Street the sum of $192 5%00 was awarded to Richard Conkling, Henry Conkling, Buel Conkling, Enoch Conkling [243] and Elizabeth Conkling for property taken to improve Roosevelt Street (in equal proportions) the warrants for which were passed at the last meeting of the Board.

The parties are desirous of obtaining the money, it having been due

since Sept. 17, 1818. Two of the parties are infants—Viz. Richard Conkling & Henry Conkling. As the amount is only $38 5/100 to each and it will be expensive to obtain it when paid into Court, the undersigned requests permission to pay it over to the guardian who appears to have been duly appointed.

(Signed) Jno. M^cComb, St. Comm^r

whereupon it was resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to pay over the same, agreeably to his recommendation, he taking the proper vouchers for such payment.

He also presented returns of delinquents on the Assessments for repaving Market St. and for regulating & paving Washington St. from Fulton to Dey Street. Whereupon Warrants [244] were ordered to issue to the respective Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Mott between Grand & Broome Sts. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an Ordinance directing the owners and occupants of the Water Lots fronting on South Street between Dover and Roosevelt Sts. on the southerly line of South St. to build a bulkhead —which was passed.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating & paving Hubert Street from Chapel Street to St. John's Lane—which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russell & John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors.

The Counsel submitted for execution a lease to John DeClew for the Flagstaff: a lease to David Munson for house cor- [245] ner of Chatham & Catharine Sts. also the counterpart of a Lease from Isaac Russel of rooms for accommodation of the Justices Court for the 5^th^ & 8^th^ Wards. which were severally directed to be executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances, which were passed

1	Geo. Suckley	Own.	Broadway	a Lot
2	do.	do.	Mercer St.	do.
3	President & Directors of Manhattan Co.	Own.	Green St.	do.
4	Benj^n^ Woods.	do.	do.	do.
5	John Scoles	do.	Hester St.	do.
6	J. Bowden F. Camden	do. Occ.	104 Orange St.	a privy

7	C. Harsin Wm Marshall	Own. Occ.	180 Chatham St.	a privy
8	J. F. Slipper R. Lee	Own. Occ.	82 Beekman	do.
9	Wm J. Stewart J. Hayes	Own. Occ.	2 Lispenard	do.
10	Wm J. Stewart S. Seixas	Own. Occ	4 do	do.
11	[246] Wm Weyman	Own.	202 Pearl St.	do.
12	T. & J. Swords	Les. & Occ.	160 do.	do.
13	Austin & Andrews	Own. & Occ.	166 do.	do.
14	Robt. McMennomy	Les. & Occ.	120 Water St.	do.
15	Wm Cairns	Own. & Occ.	130 do.	do.
16	S. Price J. Kerr	Own. Occ.	126 do.	do.
17	S. Price C. Barton	Own. Occ.	124 do.	do.
18	J. Quackenbos J. Couenhoven	Own. Occ.	48 Chrystie	do.
19	J. Quackenbos. S. Townsend	Own. Occ.	50 do.	do.
20	P. Crary N. Phillips	Own. Occ.	83 Pine St.	do.

(Signed) G. Cuming—City Inspr

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of expences of working Avenue 3, reported:

That they have examined said Estimate and believe it to be a moderate and equitable calculation, & that [247] as only one third of the expence for completing this important Street is to be born by the owners of the property fronting on it, and the other two thirds are to be, or have been paid from the City Treasury, they cannot conceive how any reasonable objections can be urged against a measure so liberal on the part of the Corporation and so beneficial to that part of our City; and they therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner instruct the Assessors to proceed in the Assessment of the expences for working and regulat-

ing the 3d Avenue in conformity to the principal resolutions already passed by the Common Council on the subject of working the Avenues.

(Signed) S. Allen
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain
J. Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[248] The same Committee, on petition of Rev. Alexander McLeod, reported:

That the 28th Section of the Act for the Assessment & Collection of taxes provides " that no personal property belonging to any Minister of the gospel nor any real estate of such minister not exceeding in value $1500 shall be taxed by any law of this State "—This Act appears to your Committee to be perfectly plain and intelligible and they are at a loss to conceive how the petitioner's informant could arrive at the conclusion that the uniform interpretation given by the Corporation to the Law of the State had been to secure from taxation the minister's dwelling house, when that dwelling house with the lot on which it was erected might be valued at $15,000 instead of $1500. Your Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the law means what it expresses—that the real estate of a minister of the gospel [249] shall be taxed for $1500 less than its valuation and not that his dwelling, be its value what it may, shall be exempt from taxation.

It appears from an examination of the Assessment Books that the property of Dr. McLeod alluded to was valued by the Assessors in the years 1815 &—*15*[16] at $3700 and in the years 1816 &—17 at $4000, and that the House & Lot adjoining his property, & which is said to be of equal worth, was valued for the two first mentioned years at $3600 and for the two last at $4000; from which your Committee conclude that the Assessors have not deducted the $1500 from the valuation of the petitioner's property agreeably to law; and what confirms them in this opinion is that for the year 1818, the taxes of which have been paid by the petitioner, his house is valued at $3000 while the house adjoining it already alluded to is valued at $4500, and the amount at which the [250] two houses are valued for 1819 are the same as for 1818; evidently shewing that for 3 years the legal deduction of $1500 was made by the Assessors, and as conclusively shewing, in the opinion of your Committee, that the deduction was not made in the years 1814-15-16 & -17. The Committee therefore propose the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed to deduct $1500 from the amount at which the house & Lot belonging to the Rev. Alexander McLeod stands assessed for the years 1814-15-16 &-17 respectively and to receive the taxes due on said property for those years in proportion to said deduction and remit the remainder.

(Signed) S. Allen
B. Crane
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[251] The Commissioners of the Alms House, to whom had been referred the petition of Stephen Brown, presented a report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the subject of making Application to the Legislature for relief in defraying the expence incurred in making a General Index to the records in the Register's Office, reported:

That the law requiring the Register to make a general Index passed in 1812; that the Registers for this City have kept a general Index of all mortgages since that time excepting for about 2 years, but that they have not made any general Index of the conveyances. The Committee, under these circumstances, deem it inexpedient to make any application to the Legislature for relief, as the expence of making an Index for the time during which the Registers have failed to comply with the law will [252] be too inconsiderable to make it an object for legislative intervention.

(Signed) S. Stevens
J. Morss
B. Crane

which was read and directed to be filed.

Alderman Mann presented certain resolutions on the subject of straightening Oliver Street, which were referred together with the petition presented this evening on the subject of Oliver St. to. Alderman Mann Taylor Mr. Stevens Ald. Anthony Mr. Brittain

The Comptroller presented the proposals he had received for the lease of the public Docks & Slips for the ensuing year—when on motion the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

[253] The several proposals were opened and Samuel C. Reid having offered the sum of $39000 $^{3}/_{100}$ for the lease of the public

Docks & Slips for One year from the 1st day of May next, the said offer was accepted on condition that he give such sureties for the performance of the Contract as shall be approved by the Finance Committee.

The Minutes of the transactions last meeting with closed doors in relation to Mr Bunn were read and confirmed—Aldern Allen stated the propositions which had been made by Mr Bunn for the settlement of the demand against him—Whereupon it was resolved that the Finance Comee be authorised to settle the demand in such way as they shall judge advisable

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 27th inst		186.60	
Recd for Tax 1819—6th & 9th Wards		3000.	
" " Arrears of Tax		1173.56	
" " Streets		4735.35	
" " Wells & Pumps		730.55	
" " Rents		1432.86	
[254]" " Mayoralty fees		235.25	
" Commutation Alien passengers		80.	
" Docks & Slips—balce of St Comnr		61.05	
" Streets do. do.		134.65	
" 3d Avenue do. do.		24.80	
" Canal Street		265.40	
" Fees Justices Courts—1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8th Wards		560.10	
" Penalties. of Attorney		15.52	12,635.69

29 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st dist	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	756.
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	462.
Lewis Furman—Services in examining books of late Treasr	250.
Cyrus Munn— do. do. do.	100.
Holly Waterbury—Work at Mud Machine 12 days to 1st inst.	96.06
A. Spooner—Subscription to Columbian 6 mo. 1st inst.	75.
Jonathn Pinkney—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st instant	54.25
Saml Hutchings—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst.	54.25
[255] Abm Ackerman—Street Inspr one month 1st inst.	54.25
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector—1 mo. 1st inst.	47.25
Obadh Ayres—Asst City Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst.	47.25
Geo. Mills—Asst Board of Health—1 mo. 1st inst.	47.25
Benjn Hicks— do. do. " "	47.25
Astin & Cochran—Messengers " "	54.
Andrew McCready—Keeper Park " "	34.87
Dan. H. Magee—Keepr Potters field " "	38.75
Robt. Provoost—reprg lamps " "	75.75

F. B. Winthrop—Treasurer of City Dispensary—Donation to Vaccine Department—1 year to 16 Mar. 1820	600.	
Pinkerton & Forgye—acct paving Broadway	500.	
Pinkerton & Forgie—account paving Market St	200.	
John Sloan—acct regulating Wooster Street	200.	
John Bailey—acct paving Harrison Street	100.	
Jno. Bailey—acct pavg Varick St	100.	
[256] John Hillyer—reprg Crosswalks & intersections	17.78	
Robt. Pettigrew—building a Well in Bancker Street	70.	
Geo. Lovett—balce repairg pier west side Pike Slip	580.	
J. P. Roome—Supt repairs—reprs to Bulkhead & Piers—Lent's Basin	1130.	
R. Furman—Supt Alms house	5000.	11,959.21
	Balance	$676.48
	Balance	676.48
Wm B. Cozzens—refreshments for Court & Jury from Mar. 14 to 17	283.	283.
	Balance	393.48

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[257] In Common Council Apr. 10. 1820

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Herms Tallman
Asa Mann	Benjamin Crane
Jacob B. Taylor	John J. Westervelt
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Stephen Allen	Stephen P. Brittain
	David Board
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A petition from the N Y. & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company, stating the necessity of having an additional Wharf at Brooklyn for the accommodation of their Boats, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

[258] A representation from sundry Inhabitants that the Main Drain in Broad Street was nearly filled up, and requesting the same may be ordered to be cleansed, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A proposal of John D. Walsh to rent the room over the Fire Engine house corner of Rose & Frankfort Streets—was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Thomas Brooks for permission to construct a Vault opposite No. 52 Barclay Street and to erect a Lime House in the Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A petition of Cornelius Hinchman, to be relieved from an Assessment laid by mistake upon him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial of the Fishermen attending [259] at Catharine Market, complaining that the privilege of fastening their Fish-Cars to the Float at the Ferry at said Slip formerly enjoyed by them, has lately been refused to them by the present lessee of the Ferry, and praying some relief—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition for regulating & paving Desbrosses Street from Sullivan to Varick Street, and Sullivan Street from Watts Street to the Canal was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas & Gulian Ludlow remonstrating against the Assessment laid on them for building a Sewer in Clarkson & Carmine Streets—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Thomas Cooper to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c. was referred to the Committee on Applications.

[260] A petition of Benjamin Hide to be permitted to build a cistern under the Street in Canal Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

The Comptroller reported that in conformity with a resolution of the Board on 6th March last he advertised several portions of public property to be disposed of at auction on the 6th inst. The following were leased:

The Dock & Wharfage near the Old Ferry at Brooklyn, now occupied by William Cutting, leased to Daniel Wright for 3 years from 1st May next at an annual rent of $60.

The House and lot of ground at No. 13 near the Old Ferry at Brooklyn, at present in possession of John Gildersleeve, leased to John R. Bedell for 7 years from 1st May next at $400 per annum.

[261] The residue of the property advertised was not disposed of, as there did not appear bidders sufficient to create a competition and it was deemed best for the public interest to postpone the sale.

Should the Board think proper to empower the Comptroller, under direction of the Finance Committee, to lease such part of the property, either at public or private Sale, as they shall judge to be most advantageous, it is apprehended that some favorable disposition may be made prior to the 1st of May next.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker—Comptroller.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that the Comptroller, under direction of the Finance Committee be authorized to rent such of the Corporation property advertised to be rented at public auction for which no bidder appeared on the day fixed for renting the same.

[262] A petition for a lamp in Essex Street between Grand and Broome Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of Ford & Stansberry for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Robert Stoddart, stating that in consequence of his house No. 120 Leonard St. (which has a Brick front) settling, he was under the necessity of rebuilding it and had carried it up to appear as a three story house, which is said to be an infringement of the law respecting fires and praying relief—was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for the Sewer constructed to carry off the Minetta Water—which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[263] He also presented a return of delinquents on the following Assessments—Viz.

For repaving Grand Street from Broadway to the Bowery

For regulating Grand Street from Forsyth to Suffolk Street—and

For a Well & Pump in Ludlow near Grand St.

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector to collect the same.

He also presented a report recommending an amendment to the Law relative to Drains and Sewers—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating Canal St. from Washington to Collect Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also reported that Mr. Joshua Jones having expressed a wish to have the old pier at the foot of Vesey Street valued in [264] conformity to the resolution of the Common Council, passed on 14th June last, the undersigned would respectfully recommend Mr. George Lovett as a suitable person to be appointed on the part of the Corporation for that purpose.

(Signed) Jno. McComb—St. Commr

whereupon George Lovett was appointed Appraiser on the part of the Corporation.

He also, on petition of Joseph Willoughby [reported]

That he is satisfied by the Affidavits accompanying Mr. Willoughby's account that the quantity of earth, as charged by him, is correct and has been deposited on the Corporation property. He would therefore recommend that Mr. Willoughby be allowed the sum of $39. as payment for the same.

(Signed) Jno. McComb. St. Comr

whereupon a warrant was directed to be reported for payment thereof.

[265] The Counsel presented the draught of a lease to Samuel W. Reed for the public Docks & Slips and a Lease to Furman & dobbs for the Street Manure—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed.

1	Geo. Ferguson	Les. & Occ.	3 Jacob St.	a privy
2	Mr. Burden	Own.	136 Pump St.	do
	F. Camerden	Agt.		
	G. Gourland	Occ.		
3	J. Ball	Own.	1 Moore	do
	J. Blauvelt	Occ.		
4	B. Lowerre	Own.	95 Broad	do
	J. Clark	Occ.		
5	J. B. Murray	Own.	3 Water	do
	Wm Frame	Occ.		
6	Robert Lenox	Own.	26 Barclay	do
	Arthur Hill	Occ.		
7	Wm M. Price	Own.	28 Pearl	do.
	S. H. Bradford	Agt.		
	J. Ludlum	Occ.		
8	[266] Owen Murphy	Les	48 Pearl	do.
	J. Fitzpatrick	Occ.		
9	Hull, Bowne & Co.	Les. & Occ.	146 do.	do.

10	R. Jaques	Own.	4 Front St.		a privy
	M. Decker	Occ.			
11	J. B. Murray	Own.	4½ do.		do.
	Wm Nixon	Occ.			
12	J. Delafield	Own.	26 do.		do.
	J. Bloomer	Occ.			
13	L. Lefferts	Own.	44 do.		do.
	H. S. Belden	Occ.			
14	R. Lenox	Own.	117 Fly Market		do.
	R. Ely	Occ.			
15	Dr. Watts	Agt.	157 do.		do.
	Wm Clark	Occ.			

(Signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspr

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 12.

Michl K. Ortley—Currier—36 Rose St. 4th Ward vice Jonah Tilly—served time out.

[267] Edward Wade—Morocco dresser—35 Rose St. 4th Ward vice James R. Mount—Resigned.

No. 20.

John Crawford—accountt 32 Anthony—5th Ward vice William Knox—Resigned

No. 21.

Saml Low—Cooper—12 Chestnut St. 4th Ward vice Thomas Barrow, Resigned

Richd Morrill—Clerk—226 Water St. 2d Ward vice Sylvester R. Taber—Resigned.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of obtaining a valuation of the whole real estate belonging to this Corporation, and if expedient that they be authorized to employ suitable persons, at the expence of this Board, to make such valuation.

He also presented the following—which was adopted:

Resolved that it shall be the duty of [268] the Clerk, on the adoption of the report of a Committee or the passage of any resolution or vote having relation to matters to be attended to by any of the Officers of the Corporation or other persons to furnish, on the next succeeding day, a copy of so much of such report, resolution or vote as may be requisite to the officer or other person whom it may particularly concern or whose duty it is to carry the same into effect.

The following was presented & adopted:

Resolved that the Committee on Police be instructed to enquire & report if any and what amendments are necessary to the law now in force respecting dogs.

Mr. Hammond presented the following which was adopted: Resolved that the Comptroller be requested to insert annually in his annual report the items composing the public debt and the object for which [269] the several items of the said debt were contracted and the whole amount thereof.

Resolved that the Road Committee, to whom was referred the petition that a part of Avenue "D." be worked be requested to report thereon with all convenient speed.

This being the period for the appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Annual State and Charter Elections, the Board proceeded to that duty & the following persons were appointed Inspectors for the several Wards of the City:

1st Ward	2d Ward.
Isaac Pierson	Joseph Riley
Peter H. Schenck	William W. Todd
Augustus Wynkoop	Elam Williams
3d Ward	4th Ward
Wm C. Mulligan	Abraham Bloodgood
Wm H. Ireland	Eldad Holmes
Rennselaer Havens	Aaron B. Woodruff
[270] 5th Ward	6th Ward
Benjamin Strong	Wm Al Burtis
Adrian Hegerman	Wm Coulthard
John Conrey	Richd L. Walker
7th Ward	8th Ward
Benjn Prince	Saml M. Thompson
Abraham Dally	Stewart Randolph
David S. Brooks	Jacob Aimes
9th Ward	10th Ward
John Swartwout	Reuben Clark
Jacobus Dykeman	Thomas Cooper
Dirck Ten Broeck	Jeremiah Lounsbury

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 3d inst	393.48	
Recd Tax 1819—1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10th Wards	45,250.	45,643.48
11 Accounts Audited		
Jno. Vanderbilt Jr. Coroner's fees—1 qr. 1st inst	286.19	
Jacob Smith Jr. repairs to Engines to 5th inst	451.61	
Jno. Slidell—Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb—6 mo. 13th inst.	200.	
[271] Thos. Knox—Execr Estate N. Gouverneur Award for Henry Street	640.12	
Pinkerton & Forgie—account paving Market St	250.	
John Sloan—account regulatg Amity Street	200.	
John Quin—balance paving Sullivan Street	134.03	
H. Smith—filling a gore belonging to Corporation on Collect St	19.40	
Alexr H. Mooney—bal. for Well in Mott between Grand & Broome Sts	46.75	
J. Fleming—Treasr to pay Insolvents' State Tax of 1818	2167.17	
Mechanics' Bank Bond $40,000 & Interest $777.78	40,777.78	45,173.05
	Balance	$470.43

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[272] In Common Council Apr. 17. 1820.

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.
P. A. Jay—Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. Hone	Samuel Stevens
Elisha W. King	Hermn Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Report from the Keeper of the City Prison of the persons confined therein—which was directed to be filed.

[273] A Petition of the Trustees of the Mariner's Church, praying that a pump in Roosevelt Street which is directly opposite said

Church and interferes with an entrance therein—was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

The following resignations from persons appointed Inspectors at the ensuing election were received, the resignations accepted and the following persons appointed in their places: Elam Williams of 2d Ward & John J. Coddington appointed; Rennselaer Havens of 3d Ward & John Salisbury appointed; Adrian Hegeman of 5th Ward & John Hunter appointed; David Brooks of 7th Ward & Nevison *Greenhead* [Greenard] appointed.

A petition of Isaac Chauncey for settlement of the amount to be paid to him for ground taken by the Corporation for accommodation of the Ferry at Hell Gate, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

[274] A petition from Peter G. Stuyvesant for relief from a personal tax assessed upon him thro' mistake of the Assessors—was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of James Thomas for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Charles Rhind for the use of the Borer owned by the Corporation, was read & referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with authority to grant the petition.

A Letter was received, of the 17th instant, from Pierre C. Van Wyck, on subject of his account for costs to be paid to him by the Corporation as District Attorney; Whereupon Resolved that he have leave to withdraw his said Application.

A petition of Jane Gibson for relief from an Assessment on 2 lots corner of Carmine [275] and Henry Streets—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from a number of inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Greenwich and Vesey Streets, complaining of auctioneers being permitted to encumber the streets with goods for sale at auction and also complaining of petty chapmen without licence as pedlars being permitted to dispose of articles of merchandize in the Markets—was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Evert Duyckink, stating that he had been appointed a Fireman on the 2d July 1787, but from some mistake of the then Clerk his appointment was not entered on the Minutes & therefore the present Clerk does not consider himself authorized to give the Certificate which the law requires of the time which he has served as a Fireman to entitle him to the [276] discharge given by the Statute in

that case made & provided, and praying that the Common Council will authorize the present Clerk to give such certificate—was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition from Fire Engine Company No. 13, praying that a new Engine may be granted to them, their present one being very old & almost useless—was referred to the Fire Department Committee with the Chief Engineer.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a presentment which the Grand Jury of the April General Sessions of the Peace requested might be laid before the Corporation. The Grand Jury presented as a nuisance the setting of Fish Poles in the Stream of Hudson River and also the running at large of dogs in the City—which being read was referred to the Police Committee.

[277] A petition of Ebenezer Burling to be appointed a Measurer of Lumber—was read & granted & he was accordingly appointed.

A remonstrance of Alexander L. Stewart for himself & others against granting the prayer of the petition for regulating Sullivan Street, and a similar remonstrance from Abraham Van Orden, were read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of William Elwood for appointment to the Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition that Grand Street may be paved from the eastward of Arundel Street—was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Joseph Brewster to be relieved from Assessments from personal tax for the year 1819 in the 5th Ward, having been assessed & having paid personal tax for [278] the same year in the same Ward—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from William Al Burtis was received, stating that the Corporation on the 6th November 1809 leased lot No. 18 Duane Street for 21 years from 1st May 1805 to Patrick McKay; that Mr McKay, on 22d April 1816 transferred the same to petitioner; that, difficulties arising in the title an action of ejectment was brought by the Corporation & a recovery had of the premises & praying a renewal of the lease to him for 21 years. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee, Counsel & Comptroller.

A petition that Courtland Alley may be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Michael Tully for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence was referred to the Police Committee with [279] authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

Fire Engine Company No. 11.

Cornelius Fountain—Account[t] 4 South St. 1st Ward vice Thomas B. Goelet—Resigned.

W[m] Van Antwerp—mercht. 180 Pearl St. 1st Ward vice John O. Fox—Resigned

No. 17.

Jac[b] Commerdinger—dockbuilder—15 Essex St. 10th Ward vice Charles De Grushie—Resigned

No. 27.

Jno. Westervelt—Stone Cutter—Hubbard St. 5th Ward vice David Fowler—Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed.

1	Silvanus Miller	Agt.	Spring	C. Orange	a Lot
2	Richard Yeo	Own.		Skinner St.	do.
3	R. Legget N. Mills	Agt. Occ.	229	Water St.	a Privy
4	Alex[r] Hanna	Les. & Occ.	102	Anthony St.	do.
5.	[280] F. Gantz J. *K*[G]antz	Own. Occ.	66	Pump St.	do.
6	F. Gantz J. Potter & B. Wood	Own. Occ.	68	do.	do.

(Signed) Geo. Cuming—C. Insp[r]

The Council presented a lease to John R. Bedell for the house & lot of land at Brooklyn, known as Lot No. 13, for 7 years from 1st May next, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Contract for leasing the Street Manure to Messrs. Dobbs & Furman, which was presented by the Counsel at the last meeting and laid on the Table, was called up and directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on sundry Assessments, which he recommended should be advertised & sold according to law—which was approved & he was directed to advertise & sell the same accordingly.

[281] He also presented an Ordinance for paving the sidewalk in front of the lot corner of Bowling Green & State Streets—which was passed & Abraham Baudouine, John Brower & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors:

Also an Ordinance for extending the Sewer in Chapel St. to the southerly side of Thomas St. which was passed & John Targee, Peter Hawes & Roger Strong were appointed Assessors:

Also an ordinance for regulating Hamersley St. from Varick to Houston St. & for regulating Downing St. from Varick to Herring St. which were passed & Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow & Benj[n] Prince were appointed Assessors.

The Comptroller presented a report on the City Finances; which was directed to be printed for the use of the Members & laid for consideration.

The Committee of Assessments, on the petition of Peter Allaire, reported:

That they have enquired into the matter submitted to them & are satisfied [282] that the facts set forth in the said petition are true and that the petitioner has been compelled to pay $12 5/100 more than his just proportion, but as a part of that tax was imposed by authority of this State and has been collected and paid over, your Committee are of opinion it would be improper to grant any relief as to that part, but with respect to the residue your Committee think the petitioner is entitled to relief and they respectfully recommend that the sum of $12 5/100, being the excess of the tax imposed on and paid by the petitioner be refunded to him and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favor of Peter Allaire, for $12 5/100 being the sum remitted to him as an excess of tax imposed in the year 1817.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
E. W. King
J. Morss

which [283] was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee, on the petition for extending the Sewer in Chapel Street to Duane Street, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration & are of opinion that the extending of the said Sewer to the southerly side of Thomas Street would be of great advantage to the property on & near that part of the Street thro' which it would be continued; that that part of Chapel Street is narrow, very flat & with but a small descent; that it is flooded by almost every rain and which leaves it in a very

muddy and filthy state; that most of the cellars have either been filled up with earth or are occasionally filled with water. By extending the Sewer it is calculated that these evils will be effectually remedied.

If the Board should deem it advisable to extend the Sewer, the Committee are of opinion, that as the Assessors have [284] not as yet proceeded in laying the Assessment for the section built last season in that street, it would enable them to lay it more just & equitable and at a considerably less expence to make out the Assessments for the 2 sections at the same time. The Contractor for the part completed, who is to be paid as the Assessment is collected, will accede thereto, provided an interest is allowed for the delay, which is to be determined by the assessors and added to the expence. In conformity with the directions of the Committee, the Street Commission has advertised for 2 weeks for any objections to continuing the Sewer and none having been made, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner, under direction of the Canal Committee, take the necessary measures for building by contract a sewer in Chapel Street from the southerly extremity of [285] the one built therein last season to the southerly side of Thomas Street, the same to be paid for as the Assessment to be laid therefore is collected.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Assessors to postpone the making out of the Assessment for the sewer now built in Chapel Street until the Assessment for the part intended to be built by the foregoing resolution can be made at the same time, and that the Assessors allow the contractor such interest for the delay as is just, the same to be charged in the Assessment.

(Signed) John Morss
J. B. Taylor
S. Parker
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for the sewer in Laurens St., reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration; that the proprietors [286] of the lots of ground fronting on that part of the Street thro' which the sewer will run have signed the petition; that by extending this Sewer to Broome Street Laurens Street may be regulated so as to take the water from Spring Street, thereby

dividing the immense body of water which was intended to be carried thro' the Sewer in Thompson Street.

The Committee directed the Street Commissioner to advertise 2 weeks for objections. None having been made the Committee think that a Sewer in this Street would be of great benefit in regulating the streets in the vicinity and save many feet of filling in. It becomes necessary to determine in relation to this sewer, that the Street in the vicinity may be regulated conformably thereto. Perhaps the sewer will not be required to be built in some time. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved that Laurens Street, [287] when regulated, be regulated with a common sewer to extend from the sewer in Canal Street to Broome Street.

(Signed) John Morss
J. B. Taylor
S. Parker

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Viz. against Messrs. Hitchcocks, contractors, for not sweeping sundry streets: against Duncan Graham for not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance: against Joseph Antonio, an Innkeeper, for permitting gambling in his house: against John B. Fiora for a similar offence: against Hugh Gorragher & Felix Crone for encumbering the side walks with baskets of oranges for the purpose of vending the same.

He also made a representation of the case of the demand against the surety [288] of Nathan Eisenhart, deceased, late Clerk of Catharine Market—which was referred to the same Committee.

The Committee of Charity, on petition of Sarah Denny, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration and also made enquiry into the facts respecting the above mentioned improvement, and from the best judgment of your Committee they believe it to be a great saving to the City.

The superintendant of repairs, by permission of said Denny, has adopted the same in every instance where a new pump has been sunk for the 3 years last past. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved that the Comptroller present a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for $200. in favor of the superintendant of

repairs, to be paid by him to Sarah Denny, widow of [289] the late William Denny, block & pump maker, for the benefit the public have & may hereafter receive from the improvement invented in pumps by her late husband.

(Signed) S. Parker
D. Board

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, on the petition for regulating & filling in Roosevelt St. reported:

That an Ordinance has lately passed this Board enjoining it on the owners of property between Roosevelt & Dover Sts. to have the Bulkhead forming the line of South Street made & completed by the 1st day of August next. and in the opinion of your Committee the nuisance complained of by the petitioners cannot be corrected until said Ordinance is carried into effect. The Committee in a former report have expressed their opinion of the necessity of this measure; and in order to facilitate the object of the [290] petitioners, they propose the following:

Resolved that the St. Commissioner be instructed to inform the owners of property fronting on South Street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets that the Corporation are ready to proceed with that part of the Bulkhead to be completed at the public expence, and that any information required on this subject or assistance in making the Contract for completing the whole line will be cheerfully afforded at his Office.

(Signed) S. Allen
A. Mann
S. Stevens
H. Tallman

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition for repeal of law respecting wharfage at Public Slips, reported:

That the Common Council, on petition of certain captains & owners of coasting vessels modified the law alluded to [291] so as to make it unopperative during the winter months, and the Committee are of opinion that the law, as it now exists, is salutary & useful and ought not to be repealed, especially as the offers lately made for a contract of the public slips was predicated on the existence of this law & the advantages to be derived therefrom will be expected by the lessee. They therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

(Signed) S. Allen
A. Mann
S. Stevens
H. Tallman

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of Samuel Evans, reported:

That the Memorialist holds a lease from the Corporation of a Ferry from Walnut Street near Corlaer's Hook to Little St. [292] on Long Island: that the said ferry is at present conducted by Row & Sail Boats, but that the Memorialist has made arrangements to have built & put in operation in a few weeks a Horse or Teamboat on said ferry. He finds, however, on examination that the shoalness of the water in Walnut Slip and the rapidity of the tides in the vicinity make this place very unsuitable for running said Boat & therefore requests the privilege above stated.

Your Committee have duly considered this subject and are of opinion that the request of the Memorialist cannot be granted for the following reasons:

The lease to Rodman Bowne for the ferry from Catharine Slip contains a clause which makes it very doubtful to the Committee whether the privilege secured him would not be infringed by permitting the ferry at Walnut St. to be removed farther west, and on exa- [293] mining the Slip at the foot of Gouverneur Street it appears that the Corporation only possess the uncontested right to the centre pier and that said pier is now occupied, and has been for some time past, by the boats bringing hay to this City & cannot be dispensed with, and that therefore the ferry could not be accommodated in this slip without extreme inconvenience to that part of the City or an infringement of the rights of others guaranteed by the Common Council. The Committee therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Memorialist.

(Signed) S. Allen
A. Mann
S. Stevens
H. Tallman

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition respecting the Sewer in Broad St. reported:

[294] That an ordinance having passed the Board for filling in Exchange Slip, it became necessary to extend the sewer in Broad St. to the river; and as the owners of property, for whose benefit the said sewer was constructed, will have to be assessed for said extension, the Committee are of opinion that the sewer ought to be cleansed & the expence included in the Assessment for extending the same, & they accordingly recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to direct the Sewer in Broad Street to be cleansed, and that the expence for cleansing said Sewer be included in the assessment for extending the Sewer to E. River.

(Signed) S. Allen
A. Mann
S. Stevens
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee, on petition of [295] P. Charles L'Enfant, reported:

That it appears Mr. L'Enfant, at the request of the citizens, furnished a plan for altering & improving the old City Hall, so as to render it suitable for the reception of the Congress of the United States, and at the same time performed the superintendance of the work until completed. The Committee have discovered nothing on the Minutes of the Common Council relative to any stipulation for compensating Mr. L'Enfant for this undertaking, and they are led to infer that it was altogether voluntary on his part & that his object was the honor of the performance rather than pecuniary reward.

On the 12th October 1789 the Common Council, after reciting the generous services of Mr. L'Enfant, resolved that the thanks of the Board, together with the freedom of the City be presented to him, and also that a lot of Common Lands, containing the quantity of 10 acres, be conveyed to him in fee simple. The location of this land [296] was decided by the Board on 30th December 1789, and on 6th April 1790 the Clerk, presented a Survey & Map of said land, and on the 16th he laid before the Board the draft of a grant to P. C. L'Enfant. On the 30th of April the Board was informed that Mr. L'Enfant declined accepting the proffer of the Corporation: whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk communicate to him this information and in

the mean time that the execution of the grant be suspended. The Clerk reported on the 14th May 1790 that he had written to Mr. L'Enfant and received an answer stating "that it was perfectly agreeable with his sentiments & disposition to refuse the gift."

On the 26th January 1801 a Memorial from P. Charles L'Enfant claiming compensation for his services &c. was presented to the Common Council & the Board determined to allow him $750. in full discharge of all further claims [297] against the Corporation for, or on account of his said services and on the 16th of February following Elias Kane, in behalf of L'Enfant, communicated to the Board the unwillingness of him, the said L'Enfant, to accept the $750—& requested the Common Council to reconsider the subject and to make him a greater allowance; whereupon it was determined not to reconsider the same.

The foregoing comprises a brief statement of all the facts that have come to the knowledge of your Committee on this subject, and they are such as plainly evince on the part of Mr. L'Enfant a disposition to value his services far above what they were deemed to be worth by the gentlemen composing the Common Council at the time they were rendered. The Committee do not pretend to judge of the value of these services, nor are they willing to decide as to the justice of Mr. L'Enfant's claim farther than what may be inferred from the entries in the Minutes of the Common [298] Council, and from these it is concluded that, whatever his services were, they were rendered voluntarily & without any stipulation for or expectation of a reward. It is a question for the Board to decide, therefore, whether, after the repeated rejection by Mr. L'Enfant of the liberal offers made him by the Common Council, he has still any claim on this Board. The Committee think not & they therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of P. C. L'Enfant.

(Signed) S. Allen
J. Hone
J. Hammond
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Stephen Brown, reported:

That the Salary allowed the House [299] Physician & Surgeon of the Alms House is $250 per annum: that the Board on a former

occasion refused to increase this Salary from a conviction that respectable young men in abundance might be obtained, ever[n] if no salary was allowed, and that the situation is desirable for young practitioners on account of the information to be obtained in the line of their professions. The Committee are informed, however, that during the prevalence of the fever in this City Dr. Brown rendered essential services at the Hospital. established by the Board of Health near the Alms' house, and that for one year of the time he has been in that establishment he had to perform the duty both of physician & Surgeon, which duties were very arduous. Under these considerations the Committee deem it their duty to recommend that a small compensation be allowed Dr. Brown for extra services and they propose the following resolution accordingly: Resolved that [300] the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Stephen Brown for $150. for extra services rendered at the Alms' house Hospital during the prevalence of the late fever in this City.

(Signed) S. Allen
J. Hone
J. Hammond
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain

which was agreed to & a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

The same Committee, on the petition of the Committee in behalf of the N. Y. Brooklyn Steam Boat Ferry Company, reported: That the Memorialists claim by their lease the use of a small Slip at Brooklyn, on the east of that used for landing the passengers, which they state to be absolutely necessary for laying up the boats at night and when out of repair and also for the storing [301] of the wood for the use of the Steam Boat.

Your Committee beg leave to state that, in their opinion, if the memorialists have any just claim to the Slip alluded to they have unaccountably neglected their interest in not calling the attention of the Board to the subject before this late period. In 1817 this Slip, together with other property, was reported to the Board by the Comptroller from which, in his opinion a revenue might be derived & was referred to the Finance Committee. It was afterward advertised & sold at auction on a lease of 3 years. During the advertising no remonstrance was heard by the Common Council, altho' it is stated to the Committee that to members of the Corporation remonstrance was made. On the day of March last the Comptroller again re-

ported this Slip as one the lease of which would expire on the 1st day of May. The report was referred to the Finance Committee who recommended that it be leased at auction for a term [302] of 3 years. The intention to lease was published in the papers employed by the Corporation for several weeks, but no remonstrance was made to the Board against the measure, only, as the Committee are informed, one of the parties spoke to the Comptroller on the subject. On the day appointed for leasing the public property, neither of the gentlemen appeared to object to the sale or to offer a bid for it and it was accordingly struck off to Mr. Daniel Wright, the only person present who made any offer at $60. per year.

The Committee have deemed it necessary to make this brief statement of facts, in order that it may appear that if the lessees are deprived of any privilege which they may of right claim from this Board it has arisen from negligence on their part in not enforcing such claim in due season.

The Committee have had a conference [303] with the Memorialists, and, to make a final settlement of this question, they propose "that if the Corporation will execute a lease to them of the Slip alluded to, together with a gore lot of ground now held by them in its vicinity for the whole term unexpired of the lease for the Ferry they will quiet the claim of Mr. Wright and pay to the Corporation $60. per annum for the Slip & such equitable price for the gore lot as may be agreed on." Your Committee are of opinion that the above proposition ought to be acceded to and recommend that the Board adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to accede to the above stated proposition from the Committee for managing the concerns of the N. York & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company and, on their quieting the claim of Daniel Wright, the Counsel be instructed to prepare the necessary leases & present them to the Board for execution

respectfully [304] submitted.

(Signed) S. Allen
J. Hone
J. Hammond
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of Abijah Hammond, reported:

That Mr. Hammond proposes to cede to the Corporation a piece

of ground to be appropriated for a Market, adjoining the State Prison wall, nearly half of which is under water and to receive as an equivalent a grant for a line on West Street of about 150 feet, free from quit rent. The Committee have duly considered this subject and cannot see the advantages to be derived by the public, attempted to be shown by Mr. Hammond. The Market already erected in the vicinity of this place is very commodious and has lately been improved at [305] a considerable expence and will probably be sufficient to accommodate the population of that place for 50 years to come. The yearly quit rent of the line of property owned by Mr. Hammond will be about $300. and the expence to be incurred by the Board in making the bulkhead in front of the premises offered to be ceded and filling in that part which is now water will probably cost not less than $7000. The result of acceding to Mr. Hammond's proposition, therefore, would be that an interest of $790. per annum would be sacrificed for a property that may be useful to the public some 30 or 40 years hence when its cost would be enhanced to at least 4 times more than its value. The Committee therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to accede to the terms proposed by A. Hammond and that the Clerk be instructed to return him the Map hereunto annexed.

respectfully submitted,

[306] (Signed) S. Allen
J. Hone
J. Hammond
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the petition of the Messrs. Hitchcocks praying an abatement on their contract for sweeping the streets, presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed.

Alderman Allen presented a Law entitled a Law to regulate the removal of filth & dirt from the Streets of the City of New York, which was read by paragraphs & passed. Resolved that the law entitled "A law to amend a law to regulate the removal of filth & dirt from the Streets in the City of New York" passed 4th May 1818 be & the same is hereby [307] repealed from and after the 1st day of May next ensuing.

This being the period prescribed by law for the appointment of

Commissioners of the Common School Fund, the Board proceeded to that duty & the following persons were reappointed—Viz.

Peter H. Wendover
Abraham Russell
Francis Cooper
Roger Strong
Jacob Drake

Alderman Allen stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors were Closed.

A Letter from Samuel C. Reid to the Comptroller was read stating that if other sureties than those offered by him to the Board were required he wished his proposal for leasing the Public Docks & Slips might be withdrawn. Whereupon it was resolved that the Comptroller [308] be directed to advertise in the papers employed by the Board for proposals for leasing the public docks & Slips.

Alderman Allen stated that William H. Bunn had neglected to comply with the terms proposed by the Finance Committee for the settlement of the demand which the Corporation had against him. Whereupon, on Motion of Alderman Allen,

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed immediately to commence a prosecution against the said William H. Bunn for the amount due from him to the Corporation; and it was resolved that the injunction of secrecy heretofore imposed in relation to this subject be taken off.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 10th inst.	470.43	
Recd for tax 1819—6th & 10th Wards	2000.	
" " Excise	15.	
" Costs &c. Justices' Courts—7th & 10th Wds	163.77	
[309]" for Streets	1699.39	
" " Rents	1539.87	5888.46

16 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st dist.	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	756.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
Jno. Fleming—Treasr Salary 1 year to 19th April 1820	487.66
Jno. McComb—St. Commissioner Salary 12th January to 1st March	268.49
H. Waterbury—Work at Mud Machine—12 days to 15th inst.	93.62

Jno. Wyman—to pay Watchmen as Witnesses at Court....	12.	
Joseph Willoughby for 390 loads earth deposited at Charlton St. Basin.....	39.	
Estate J. Haviland—Hose for Engines & reprs. to 9th Dec. 1819	403.12	
Robert Pettigrew—account of a Well in First St.....	59.94	
H. Donocho—balance of a Well in Thompson. near Spring St.	40.60	
[310] Abraham Stagg—acct paving Grand St. from Broadway to Bowery.....	1320.	
Smith Bloomfield—account paving Chapel St.....	300.	
Pinkerton & Forgye—account paving Cedar St.....	250.	
Jas. Meghan—balce pavg Washington St. from Vesey to Barclay St.....	119.10	
James Meghan—balce paving Barclay St.....	61.08	5839.86
	Balance	$48.60

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[311] Special Meeting In Common Council April 20. 1820.

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
E. W. King	Hermanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

Alderman Allen stated that in consequence of the short time that the lessee of the public Docks & Slips would have to make the necessary arrangements for executing his contract it was deemed advisable by a number of the members of the Board to direct that the receipt of proposals should be limited to this day & his Honor the Mayor had therefore been requested to summon a special meeting [312] of the Board to receive & take into consideration the said proposals.

A resignation was received from Nevinson Greenard of his appointment as Inspector of the ensuing election, which was accepted & John Van Sicklen appointed in his place.

The report of the Comptroller, presented at the last meeting, was called up & read in the words following:

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Common Council the following report:

City Stock issued in 1812		$700,000.
Deduct amount redeemed from 1st September 1813 to 13th May 1816		46,100.
		653,900.
Bonds		178,117.66
Debt 13th May 1816		832,017.66
City Stock April 1820		900,000.
Deduct amount redeemed		151,500.
		748,500.
Cash in Treasury & U. States 6 pct. stock [313] in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for redeeming the debt		28,888.75
		719,611.25
Bonds		266,023.17
		985,634.42
Amount to be collected for Canal St. Sewer, included in above Bonds	67,629.82	
Expended for Battery & expected to be repaid to Treasury by Special Tax	17,330.80	84,960.62
Amt of debt Apr. 17. 1820 after deducting the above sum		900,673.80
Debt 13th May 1816		832,017.66
Increase in four years		$68,656.14

A.

It will appear that a difference exists between the above amount of debt & that published by the Finance Committee Dec. 27, 1819: but it should be observed that since that report a considerable reduction has been made of the bonds by payment and the Committee did not notice the City Stock which was redeemed.

The heavy appropriations required to [314] discharge debts incurred and to fulfil contracts & plans of improvement entered into prior to May 1816, amounting to more than $440,000. (B) have obliged the Corporation to dispose of some portions of property at auction. This was done at seasons peculiarly favorable & enabled them to discharge every demand made and also to reduce the funded debt by an appropriation of 25 per cent on the sales. Should the Bill before the Legislature of the State, authorizing the Corporation to increase the City Stock, become a law, they will be enabled on advantageous

terms to dispose of part thereof and apply it to the payment of their bonds.

No increase of the debt necessarily arises from having the same power which was granted by an Act passed on the 8th of June 1812.

The balance in the Treasury, to the credit of the Sinking Fund, remained, as other public money, till January last, [315] when interest at 5 per cent per annum on the amount remaining for 30 days was allowed.

However beneficial it may appear to vary the plan adopted at the time of creating the sinking fund, in order to authorize the Sale of Stock which may be purchased by the Commissioners when above par, or to invest the funds appropriated for the reduction of the debt in other kinds than those above specified, it is conceived that greater confidence in the diminution of the debt will be produced in the public mind by a faithful & persevering adherence to the present system than by any innovation, however specious it may seem at first view.

The resources of the Corporation have been materially impaired during the last 4 years by a reduction of the sum annually received from the State for Vendue Sales.

From 1812 to May 1816 amt received	$201,824.90
From May 1816 to April 1820	93,345.72
Diminution in 4 years	108,479.18
The Annual amount at present is	$10,000.00

[316] The Board have a weekly return of their cash account, and an annual report is made of all monies received and paid, and for what purpose. They are also in possession of a Schedule of the real estate belonging to the Corporation, which was presented to them on the 11th May 1818 and also in May 1819, revised.

Should the present system of retrenchment of expences and a rigid plan of economy be strictly adhered to, it is anticipated that the revenue from public property and the balance of tax remaining uncollected will be sufficient to defray the ordinary demands on the Treasury. This brief exposition of the State of the City Finances is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

APPENDIX.

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The valuable improvements made in the City within 4 years past amount [317] to more than $100,000. They are comprised in the following particulars:

Ground purchased for extending the New Alms house Establishment		17,395.
Two public Slips on the East river at the foot of Roosevelt & Oliver Sts. Cash paid, exclusive of bonds issued which are included in the above		14,306.31
Piers & improvements at Spring St		21,197.45
Centre & Essex Markets—Ground & buildings		8,211.56
Engine houses in Fayette & Rose Sts. & at Greenwich—Ground & buildings & building a house in Beaver St		21,096.
Iron Fence for the Park		3,575.51
Opening Oliver St. Corporation proportion for buildings	5,383.	
Balance uncollected, time being allowed	12,887.50	18,270.50
		$104,052.33

The increase of debt in 4 years is liquidated by the above improvements alone and a balance remains of more than $35,000.

The balance of tax to be collected will probably amount to $75,000.

[318] B

Awards for opening Canal St	17,069.61
Avenues & Streets in 9th Ward	76,304.
Bills of credit redeemed	135,379.05
Completing new Alms house	42,876.38
Filling Basin & making bulkhead at Fulton & Dey Sts. North river	47,346.92
Bonds paid by Mr. Varick	27.420.
Filling block at King & Charlton Sts	11,662.59
Ground for Engine house Fulton St do. do. Beaver St	23,785.87
Hamilton Square & Inclinburg lots returned	8,954.80
J. Randel—Surveys & Maps 9th Ward	7.677.
New Fly Mkt. ground—filling & bulkhead	8,257.50
Stock to Heirs of Capt. Lawrence & plate	3,064.
Maiden Lane Assessment	11,260.91
A. W. Hardenbrook's Engines account	5,096.19
Int. on City Stock due 1st Feby & 1st May 1816 remaining unprovided for & paid 6th August 1816	21,000.
	$447,154.82

Whereupon resolved that the same be published in the papers employed by the Corporation.

[319] The Comptroller laid before the Board the proposals he had received for renting the public docks & Slips for the ensuing year—whereupon the Gallery was Cleared and

The Doors Closed.

The several proposals were opened & read and, it appearing that Edward Hitchcock had offered the sum of $34.760—and the same sureties that were on his late contract.

Resolved that the said offer be accepted and that the Counsel prepare the necessary papers therefor.

The Board adjourned.

[320] In Common Council April 24, 1820.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Hone	Samuel Stevens
Elisha W. King	Hermanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjamin Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	William A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The following resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election, were received & the following persons appointed in their places: Isaac Pierson of 1st Ward and John L. [321] Lawrence appointed:

John Swartwout of 9th Ward and Thomas Morris appointed:

John Van Sicklen of 7th Ward and James P. Allaire appointed.

A Letter was received from the Chamberlain stating that, agreeably to the directions of the Board he had made a communication of the resolution respecting the accounts of the late Chamberlain, W. Fish Esqr. to one of the Sureties, William W. Gilbert Esqr. that he had replied that on account of the absence of one of the executors of Mr. Fish, Dr. Hunt, they could not yet act but would immediately on his return to the City and that no further communication had been received from the Surety on the subject.

Whereupon resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises as they shall judge advisable.

A petition of Jacob Morton praying relief from [322] an excessive Assessment of personal tax laid on him in the 3d Ward. was referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to give the relief required.

A petition of Caleb C. Conklin for Stall No. 16 Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Lewis Smith for appointment to office of a Measurer of Grain was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Abraham L. Smith for remission of tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A petition of Rodman Bowne, lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, was received stating that the Common Council on 5th January 1818 resolved that on petitioner's [323] placing another Horse-Boat of at least eight horses power on said ferry that they would extend his lease on said Ferry to the same term with that of the New York & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company: that such Boat is placed on said Ferry and praying a Committee may be appointed to examine said boat in order that the grant may issue to petitioner agreeably to said resolution. Whereupon it was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A petition of Philip Hone was received stating that he had been solicited by a number of Inhabitants of the 8th Ward to establish a ferry to Hoboken from the foot of Spring Street: that he is willing to agree to the same and therefore requests the Board to extend the North boundary line of the grant of right of ferriage from the City of New York to Hoboken heretofore made to petitioner from the North Battery to Christopher Street and [324] to grant him the right of ferriage for 15 years, and that he will bind himself thereupon to place on said Ferry two good sail boats and two barges for the term of two years and after said two years to place thereon one horse-boat. and farther requesting an extension of his present lease for the term of five years longer: which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A remonstrance against filling in and regulating Stanton Street, signed by Noah Brown and Peter Ogilvie, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Isaac Lawrence to construct a vault in Duane Street corner of Broadway was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

The Counsel presented a lease to Edward Hitchcock for the public Wharves & Slips [325] for one year from the 1st of May next; also a lease to Elbert Anderson for parts of lots of ground corner of Chamber & Chatham Streets on which he remarked as follows: The lots were heretofore leased to Elbert Anderson & Theodorus Bailey by the Corporation, but, a question arising between them & the Corporation relative to the rent which they ought to pay, the greater part of the lots being taken from them for the purpose of extending Chamber Street, it was submitted to the Arbitrament of John Wells Esqr. and the lease is now reported in pursuance of his award.

(Signed) Ogden Edwards—Counsel.

whereupon said leases were directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed, Vizt.

N° 1	George Janeway	Owner	Cross & Pearl Streets	Lots
2	J. Gardner	Ditto	Mott Street	D°
3	[326] J. & O. Williams	Owns & Occupts	174 Water St	A Privy
4	Ds H. Doyle Sl C. Jaques	Agent Occupant	50 Dey St.	D°
5	Selah Strong	Own. & Occupt	166 Front St	D°
6	T. Pearsall Wm Coddington	Owner Occupant	174 Front St	D°

(Signed) George Cuming City Inspector

The following persons were appointed Fireman, the Cheif Engineer certifying the vacancies. Vizt

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2

James Dorset Grocer, Lombardy St 7t Ward vice Ephraim T. Badeau resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 8

Alexander Murray Grocer 37 Augustus St 6th Ward vice John Webber resigned & dead.

James Stewart Whitesmith Duane & Rose St 4th Ward vice John Burchan resigned.

N° 38

George Farrington Grocer Bowery cr Gerard St 9th Ward vice William Cox resigned.

James Snedeker Cartman Bowery Hill 9th Ward vice Peter Fisher resigned.

[327] The-Street Commissioner presented the following communication respecting an Ordinance for making South Street.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers the Draft of an Ordinance for making South Street as drawn up by the Council to the Corporation in conformity with the law on that subject as amended by the last Session of the Legislature, in order that it may be passed—and as this is a substitute for the Ordinance passed the 3d Inst. the Street Commissioner would suggest the propriety of rescinding the former one.

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) Jno. McComb St Commissr

Alderman Allen also presented the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Common Seal of the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York, be affixed to copies of the Ordinance for making South Street from Dover Street, to Roosevelt Street, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign them, and that they be served [328] personally upon the proprietors of the lots of Land adjoining to, and fronting on South Street aforesaid, and that the same be published in News papers employed by this Corporation.

Whereupon the Ordinance presented was passed, the former Ordinance rescinded and the resolution agreed to.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Allen near North Street, and for a Well and Pump in Roosevelt Street between Cherry and Batavia Street which were passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the first and Abraham Bloodgood James Barrow and Benjamin Prince in the latter. Also an Ordinance for regulating and paving Chapel Street from the Sewer to Thomas Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in First Street near the first Avenue [329] and for curbing and Flagging Washington Street from Carlisle to Rector Street which were confirmed and Morris De'Camp appointed Collector in the former and John G. Betts in the latter.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for removal of a Pump in Roosevelt Street reported:

That they have examined the situation of the said Pump, and are satisfied that it is very inconvenient for persons who pass on that side

of the Street, and will be, extremely so, to the Congregation who shall attend at said Church—They are also informed, that when the Common Sewer is overcharged, that the water flows into the well.

Your Committee are of opinion that those inconveniences cannot be obviated but by sinking a new Well on the opposite side of the Street.

For which purpose they present the following resolutions,

Resolved, that a Well be sunk and a Pump be placed therein—on the Easterly side of Roose- [330] velt Street, between Cherry and Batavia Street, opposite the centre line of Peter Bartine's houses, that the old Well on the opposite side of the Street be filled up.

Also, Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare, an Ordinance for that purpose.

John P. Anthony
Signed. B. Crane
Jno. M^cComb
S^t Commiss^r

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of William Alburtis reported:

That the Lot alluded to was originally leased to Patrick M^cKay for the term of twenty one years from the 1^st day of May 1805, conditioned to be renewed for twenty one years after the expiration of the first term, at an apprised rent. That M^r AlBurtis purchased said lease of M^cKay for a valuable consideration, and that on the 22^d day of April 1816, the Common Council assented to the assignment of said Lease; but that the [331] said M^cKay was Insolvent at the time of his making the said sale, and had previously assigned the said lot for the benefit of his Creditors, and the Petitioner was prevented from obtaining a good and sufficient title from the said M^cKay. That the Petitioner to effect his title, has lately made an arrangement with the Comptroler and Council to permit a peacable re-entry by the Corporation on the premises, the proceedings whereof has terminated, and the Corporation is now in complete possession of the Lot. That the Petitioner proposes to pay all the expense of the proceedings necessary to effect the re-entry, together with the back rent now due; and prays that a Lease may be granted for the remainder of the term being six years unexpired from the 1^st day of May next, or that he may have the said Lease extended for twenty one years from the said day.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioner is reasonable, and that he is entitled to a Lease of the premises for the

unexpired term aforesaid, on the same conditions as those granted Patrick McKay; but they cannot see [332] the expediency of extending the term beyond that provided for in the original Lease; and they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Lease for the Lot No 18 Duane Street, for the term of six years from the first day of May next, at the annual rent of One hundred Dollars, with a condition for one renewal for twenty one years at an apprised rent, be granted to William Al Burtis;—Provided he pay the expense of re-entry by the Corporation on said Lot, and all the rent, together with the interest on the same, which shall be due and unpaid at the time of his receiving said Lease; and also all back taxes and assessments that may be due on said Lot.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed. Stephen Allen
J. Hammond
B. Crane
John Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[333] The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Thomas Pringle reported:

That they are satisfied that the mistake was made by the Assessors not having any knowledge of the division of the property as they set forth in the annexed certificate. They say that they have Assessed Thomas Pringle in said Ward for two houses and lots, the sum of $28 $^{50}/_{100}$ Dolls. and as there is only one house and lot belonging to said Pringle, Your Committee are of opinion that it is but just and right that said Thomas Pringle pay but one half of the above sum which is $14 $^{25}/_{100}$ Dollars: Your Committee therefore take the liberty to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that $14 $^{25}/_{100}$ Dollars be remitted, and that the remainder which is $14 $^{25}/_{100}$ Dollars be collected.

Signed J. J. Westervelt
John P. Anthony
John Morss

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[334] The same Committee on the petition of Jane Gibson, reported;

That they have enquired in the subject as far as it was in their power, and it appears to them a large sum of money to fill up two lots

of ground, but greivous as it may be, they see no good ground to give her any relief. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to remit any part of said Assessment.

J. J. Westervelt
Signed. John Morss
John P. Anthony

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Armitage reported:

That on examination of the subject, they find the facts as stated by Mr Armitage are true, That the mistake took place by Mr Armitage paying his Assessment on the wrong lot, not being able at that time to say with certainty which was his, as [335] there were five vacant lots charged in the assessment, each with a like sum: One of these five lots were returned to the Street Commissioner as delinquent, and was duly advertized, and Sold on the 3d of November 1818. for Fourteen Years, and which now proves to be the one belonging to Mr Armitage. and that the one that is really delinquent is said to belong to Stephen Gorham, and who, it is probable, will pay the Assessment when called on.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that as the Sale of said Lot was made through mistake—That the Street Commissioner be instructed to return the purchaser of said Lot, his money with lawful interest from the day of Sale, agreeably to the terms made known on the day of the Sale. For which purpose they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant at the next meeting of this Board for the Sum of $70 87/100 Dollars in favor of Mr Henry Abel, in full for the purchase money of said Lot with the interest thereon.

J. J. Westervelt
[336] Signed John Morss
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, the resolution adopted, and a warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

The same Committee on the Petition of Joseph Brewster, reported:

That by the annexed receipt it appears that the petitioner has as stated in his Petition paid a personal tax of $8 6/100 Dollars. rated

to him in the first Ward; he is also rated at $12 $^{6}/_{100}$ Dolls. in the fifth Ward for his personal tax and where his residence is; the tax rated to him in the fifth Ward being the one which he ought to have paid his Domicil being in that Ward, and the other an error or mistake: The Committee are of opinion that M^{r} Brewster ought to pay $4. of the tax charged to him in the fifth Ward, and that the residue $8 $^{6}/_{100}$ ought to be remitted. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Collector of the fifth Ward receive of Joseph Brewster $4. in full for [337] the personal tax charged to him in that Ward.

Signed J. J. Westervelt
John Morss
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee appointed to procure accommodation for the Justices Court of the first district, reported:

That in their opinion the most convenient place they can procure is a large room with the use of Jury rooms in the house N^{o} 44 Nassau Street at the annual rent of Eighty Dollars. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Justices Court Committee of the first district be authorized to hire rooms for the accommodation of the said Court at a rent not exceeding Eighty Dollars p^{r} Annum.

Signed. John Hone
Samuel Stevens
Harmanus Tallman
E. W. King.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[338] The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 13 presented a report, which was read, and the consideration postponed.

The same Committee on the Petition of Evert Duyckinck, reported:

That it appears to the satisfaction of the Committee from the Certificate of Robert Benson the former Clerk of this Board, that Evert Duyckinck was appointed a Fireman on the 2^{d} July 1787, and it also appears by the Certificate of the Foreman of Engine Company N^{o} 13 that the said Duyckinck has served as a Fireman the full time required by the law passed the 12th April 1816. in Fire Company N^{o} 13, and therefore are of opinion that relief ought to be granted.

Respectfully offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Common Council be and he is hereby authorized to give to Evert Duyckinck a Certificate of his services as Fireman.

Signed. John P. Anthony
Harmanus Tallman

[339] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom were referred certain Resolutions respecting Oliver Street, and also a petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying the said Street may be laid out agreeably to the Report of the Assessors, presented the following Report:

That about two years since upon the application of persons owning property fronting on Oliver and Fayette Streets, the Board ordered, that Fayette Street should be closed and Oliver Street should be extended to Chatham Square.

That this was accordingly done, and at an expense over and above the value of the ground which was formerly Fayette Street, of about Thirty five Thousand Dollars. That Five Thousand three hundred and Eighty three Dollars, of the expense was assessed upon the Corporation on account of the buildings which it became necessary to remove. That after the proceeding were completed and the buildings were removed, it was discovered that Oliver Street was not straight, but that there was a warp in it at the upper [340] end of Fourteen feet Eight Inches, which materially injured the appearance of the Street, Thereupon the Inhabitants of that Street applied to the Corporation to make another application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose of making the Street straight.

Application was accordingly made at the last August term and Commissioners were appointed: But that in consequence of the Trustees of the Baptist Church and William L. Simers and Peter Parks not entering into the same arrangements for relinquishing the damages which they might sustain by closing those parts of Oliver Street which lie in front of their premises and taking those parts of the Streets which lie in front of their premises at the appraisement of the Commissioners which was done upon a former occasion, the Commissioners have Suspended their proceedings.

The consequence of their executing the order of the Supreme Court as it now stands would be, that those persons would be entitled to large damages for being deprived of their fronts.

[341] The difficulty might however be obviated by adopting the

Resolutions referred to your Committee which provide among other things for applying to the Supreme Court to amend their order by leaving out of it, so much as relates to closing any part of the Street which lies in front of the premises belonging to those persons.

The expence of making the Street straight would then be inconsiderable, as the ground taken on our side of the Street would go far towards paying for what is required on the other, and there is but one building that would be destroyed and that of small value.

Some of the persons however who signed the petition referred to the Committee, have appeared before them in behalf of the inhabitants of Oliver Street and represented to the Committee that it was now the general wish of the Inhabitants of that Street, that it should not be straightened, as they are unwilling to be subject to any further expence respecting it. The expences are now incurred, for the proceedings in the Supreme Court will not [342] exceed Thirty five Dollars, and the expences for the Surveys and maps will probably not exceed twenty five Dollars, and these are all the expences which have been incurred.

Under these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient that the Street should be straightened.

The [Committee] therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to suspend any further proceedings relative to the straightening of Oliver Street.

Asa Mann
Signed. S. P. Brittain
John P. Anthony

The Question being taken thereon, and the Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman King, the members voted as follows:

Affirmative. Alderman Anthony Morss Mann Mr Parker [343] Tallman Britian Board Davis Hammond 9

Negative. Mr Recorder Alderman Hone King McQueen Taylor Thorp Allen Mr Stephens Crane 9

The Board being equally divided, his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the negative—so it passed in the negative.

The Resolutions which were presented on the 3d Instant by Alderman Mann and which had been referred to the said Committee, were then read and were in the words following,

1st Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to take the necessary measures for vacating so much of the rule of the Supreme Court relative to Oliver Street, as authorizes the closing of parts of that

Street in front of the property belonging to the Baptist Church, William L. Simers and Peter Parks; unless they enter into the same arrangements relative to those parts of the Street, which lie in front of their premises, and which [344] it is contemplated to close, as have been entered into by Robert Dodge and Henry Rutgers.

2d Resolved, That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who may be appointed in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, be authorised to assess so much of the expence of straightening Oliver Street upon the Corporation as the strips of land which lie in front of the Baptist Church and the property of William L. Simers and Peter Parks, and which it was contemplated to close in the manner stated in the Petition of the Corporation to the Supreme Court, will be worth to the Baptist Church and said Parks and Simers.

The Question being taken on the first resolution, it was agreed to —The Question being taken on the second resolution, it was also agreed to, the Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Hammond, were as follows:

Affirmative. Mr Recorder Alderman Hone King [345] McQueen Mann Taylor Thorp Allen Mr Stevens Crane Britian Board 12

Negative. Alderman Anthony Morss Mr Tallman Westervelt Parker Davis Hammond 7

The final Question was then taken, on agreeing to the resolutions and was carried in the Affirmative—The Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Hammond were as follows.

Affirmative. Mr Recorder Alderman Hone King McQueen Mann Taylor Thorp Allen Mr Stephens [346] Crane Brittian Board 12

Negative. Alderman Anthony Morss Mr Tallman Westervelt Parker Davis Hammond 7

Alderman Hone presented the following resolution:

Whereas the Pump on the Battery has been useless for several years last past, and the well is now in a dangerous situation, Therefore

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs have the said Pump removed and the well filled up without delay.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Allen presented a resolution referring it to the Committee on Laws to report an amendment to the law respecting Pawn Brokers, so that they be confined to exercising their business at one place only, which resolution was referred accordingly.

On motion of Alderman Thorp it was referred to the Committee of Repairs, to direct the [347] Superintendant of Repairs to erect the

Corporations proportion of a legal fence between the Corporation ground and that of George Warner in fourth Street.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury 17th Inst	48.60	
Rec'd for Streets	3,666.46	
Arrears of Tax	1,300.	
Wells & Pumps	214.87	
Costs &c. Justices Courts 5 & 8 Wards	138.38	
Tavern Licenses	53.90	
		5,422.21

28 Accounts Audited.

Alderman Kip attending Sessions 12 days in December last	48.00	
Alderman Anthony attending Sessions 12 days in December last	48.	
Alderman Morss attending Sessions 12 days in January...	48.	
Alderman McQueen attending Sessions 12 days in January	48.	
Alderman Mann attending Sessions 12 days in Feby.....	48.	
[348] Alderman Taylor attending Sessions 12 days in Feby.	48.	
Alderman Thorp attending Sessions 12 days in March....	36.	
Alderman Allen attending Sessions 12 days in March.....	36.	
Alderman Hone attending Sessions 12 days in April.....	36.	
Alderman King attending Sessions 12 days in April.....	36.	
Jacob Morton Clk. for Index 39th Volume Minutes and Hack hire paid	69.	
Conklin & Philips 41 Sundays Services each in 7th Ward to 1st Inst	164.	
Peter Allaire Amount of excess of Tax in 1817. refunded.	12.50	
Stephen Brown Extra Services at Alms House Hospital during the late Fever in this City	150.	
David Dibble repairing Fire Buckets and Hose for Engines	79.37	
Haydock & Jenkins for 35 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby.	1368.90	
[349] Thomas Hazard Jr. for 9 Casks Oil	466.86	
Reuben Ayres for Earth to repair wharves & Docks.....	36.56	
John Bailey Acct paving Ludlow St	650.	
Charles Mooney Acct paving Orange St	200.	
H. Smith Acct paving Washington Street from Fulton to Dey	200.	
Charles Mooney for paving Division Street	177.41	
James Meghan balance paving Essex Street	175.98	
Pinkerton & Forgie for paving Intersections	33.42	
Peter Debaun repairing streets at Greenwich	5.06	
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs for repairs....	800.	
Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of repairs to pay Sarah Denny for improvements in pumps invented by her husband William Denny, ordered by the Board 1st Inst.....	200.	5371.06
	Balance	$51.15

[350] The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 oClock.

In Common Council May 1st 1820.

Present The Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor Prest
Peter A. Jay Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
John Morss	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen P. Britian
George B. Thorpe	David Board
Stephen Allen	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Board the following [351] return received from Benjamin Ferris Esqr Clerk of the City of New York of the persons elected at the late Charter Election to offices in the Corporation of the City of New York, which return was in the words following:

By the returns filed in my Office it appears that at the late election of Charter Officers for this City the persons herein after named were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names. 29th April 1820.

1st Ward		3d Ward.	
Samuel Tooker	Alderman.	Leonard Kip	Alderman.
Thomas Bolton	Assistant.	Harmanus Tallman	Assistant.
Samuel McCoun John H. Bailey	Assessors.	Nathaniel C. Griffith Jackson Haines	Assessors.
Daniel J. Ebbetts	Collector.	Francis V. Many	Collector.
Robert Graham Peter C.Hojer	Constables.	Henry Graham Simon Van Antwerp Junr	Constables.
2d Ward.		**4th Ward.**	
Thomas S. Townsend	Alderman.	John P. Anthony	Alderman.
Abraham Valentine	Assistant.	Benjamin Crane	Assistant.
William W. Fox Jacob Drake	Assessors.	Peter Bonnett Lewis Hartman	Assessors.
[352] Henry W. Peckwell	Collector	Adolph L. Degrove	Collector.
Richard Ellis John Wintringham	Constables.	James G. Finn Rufus Seely	Constables.

5th Ward.		8th Ward.	
Robert Swartwout	Alderman.	David Board	Alderman.
Charles Town	Assistant.	Isaac Emmons	Assistant.
William Berrian	Collector	[354] Nicholas Scureman	Assessors.
[353] George Sutton	Assessors.	Henry Howard	
Peter Wynkoop		Moses Cunningham	Collector.
John W. Lester	Constables.	Samuel Y. Clark	Constables.
John Striker		Cornelius Stagg	

6th Ward.		9th Ward.	
Robert McQueen	Alderman.	George B. Thorp	Alderman.
Shivers Parker	Assistant.	Gerard De Peyster	Assistant.
Abraham Boudoine	Assessors.	Thomas Miller	Assessors.
Pierson Halstead		John Adriance	
Thomas Mooney	Collector.	John Doughty	Collector.
Thomas Parker	Constables.	Joseph Madden	Constables.
Caleb Crane		Richard Crawford	

7th Ward.		10th Ward.	
Asa Mann	Alderman.	Stephen Allen	Alderman.
Stephen P. Brittan	Assistant.	Judah Hammond	Assistant.
David Lyon	Assessors.	Gideon Ostrander	Assessors.
Jameson Cox		Samuel Cheesman	
Morris Oakley	Collector.	John Palmer	Collector.
Azel Conklin	Constables.	Henry G. Disbrow	Constables.
Robert Phillips		John Varick	

(Signed) Benjamin Ferris Clerk
of the City and County of New York

[355] Thereupon it was Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to give notice to the persons mentioned in said return to attend on Monday next, being the second Monday in May Instant, in the Common Council Chamber at 12 °Clock of said day, to take the Oaths prescribed by law.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with a Subpœna issuing out of Chancery at the suit of Oliver Vanderbilt: Whereupon it was ordered that the Counsel be directed to enter an appearance in behalf of this Corporation to said suit and to defend the same.

A Petition in behalf of James Davidson praying redress for an assessment of Tax in 1819. on his property, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Thomas Patrick requesting permission to exhibit Fire-works in the Park on the 4th of July next in aid of some Benevolent Society [356] was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A resignation from Stephen Brown as Resident Surgeon of the Alms-House was read and accepted.

A Petition of William Hitchcock & Co. praying a remission of a fine incurred on certain Barrels of Flour, which were of less weight on being inspected than the law directs, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Nehemiah U. Tompkins Druggist praying remission of a fine said to be incurred by selling liquor without License, but which he avers arose from selling a pint of wine to a person who had bought from Petitioner some Jesuits Bark, and bought the same to take said Bark in, which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of David B. Scudder for permission to construct a Vault in Lispenard Street, and a similar petition from John T. Irving for one in [357] Nassau Street were severally granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well corner of Bleecker and Sullivan [Streets] was presented and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A complaint against the situation of a Lot on the corner of State Street and Market-field Street was read and directed to be laid on the table.

A Petition from Maria Whaites praying further time for paying an Assessment on her property in the Bowery; was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of George Rapelye praying relief from an undue Assessment on land owned by him in the 8th Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[358] A Petition of William De Graw for Stall N° 1 Grand Street Market, was presented and referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the Petition.

A petition of certain Owners of Houses and Lots in Oliver Street, Remonstrating against the Ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Board in relation to said Street, was presented and ordered to be laid on the table: It was then moved to reconsider the vote which was agreed to. It was then moved by Alderman Morss that the prayer of the Petition be granted, which passed in the Negative. It was then resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed. Viz[t]

N° 1	Mrs. C. A. Dale	Owner	State & Marketfield Streets	A Lot
2	Robert R. Hunter C. Austin	Owner. Occupant	45 Courtland	A Privy
3	[359] Mary Mode	Owner and Occupant	47 Robinson St	A Privy

(signed) George Cummings
City Inspector

The Comptroller presented sundry Accounts against the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for rebuilding part of the Sewer at Burling Slip which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors. Also an Ordinance for regulating Grand Street from Broadway to Green Street which was passed, and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russell and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for building a Sewer in Collect Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

[360] The Counsel presented the following Leases and Certificates of the sale of Lots for taxes: Viz[t]

A Lease from John J. Vanderpool to the Corporation, of certain apartments for the accommodation of the Assistant Justices Court for the first, second and third Wards.

Also a Lease of a Lot of ground in Duane Street to William Al Burtis, which has been prepared in pursuance of an order of the Board.

Also certain Certificates of the sale of Lots for Taxes.

The Counsel also reports an ordinance relative to Pawn Brokers.

Also an Ordinance to revive certain Ordinances which are about expiring.

(signed) O. Edwards

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed.

The law relative to Pawn Brokers was read by Paragraphs and passed.

The Law to continue certain Laws therein mentioned was also passed in the words following:

A Law to continue certain Laws therein [361] mentioned.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that the Laws herein after mentioned, or so much and such of the said Laws as are now in force and all Laws, Ordinances and Resolutions, altering and amending the same: To wit,

A law relative to suits, fines and penalties,

A Law for the due Observance of the first day of the Week, calld Sunday,

A Law to prevent Disorderly Assemblages of Persons,

A Law to prevent Gambling in Public Places in the City of New York,

A Law to prevent Masquerades in the City of New York,

A Law to prevent Swimming and Bathing at improper times and places, and for other purposes,

A Law to regulate the driving of Horses and Carriages,

A Law to prevent the ringing and tolling of [362] Bells for Funerals,

A Law prescribing the duties of the City Inspector,

A Law for the establishment of a Board of Health,

A Law to prevent Nuisances, and to provide for the security of the Public Health,

A Law respecting Bills of Mortality,

A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate the Paving and keeping in Repair, and to prevent Obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York,

A Law to regulate the Compensation of Assessors,

A Law to regulate Surveyors,

A Law prescribing the duties of the Comptroller and Chamberlain,

A Law directing the mode of collecting certain Revenues, and for other purposes,

A Law to regulate the Sale of Fire-Wood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof, and for the division of the City into Inspection Districts,

A Law relative to the Public Seals of the City of New York,

[363] A Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York,

A Law relative to persons licensed by the Mayor to retail Spirituous Liquors,

A Law to regulate the Fees of Weigh-Masters and Measurers,

A Law respecting Swine,

A Law to regulate the Sale of Certain Wares,

A Law directing Reports from Measurers, Weigh-Masters, and Inspectors,

A Law for establishing the Assize, and for regulating the Inspection of Bread,

A Law relative to Awnings in the Streets,

A Law to regulate the Inspection, Sale, and Cartage of Lime,

A Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York,

A Law to regulate the Measure and Sale of Coal,

A Law to regulate the Sale of Horses, and to prevent their running loose, and racing,

A Law to prevent obstructions in the Rivers,

A Law to regulate the Sale, Cartage, and [364] Inspection of Manure, exported from the City of New York, and for other purposes,

A Law to compensate the Aldermen for attending the General Sessions of the Peace,

A Law making provision for the redemption of the New York City Stock,

A Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires,

A Law to regulate the City Watch,

A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages,

A Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell, and for the appointment of a Keeper thereof,

A Law to regulate the landing and Sale of Hay in the City of New York,

A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York,

A Law to regulate the removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets in the City of New York,

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips, and to establish the rates of Wharfage,

A Law to regulate the digging of Vaults, and [365] the construction of Cisterns in the Streets,

A Law to prevent the firing of Guns,

A Law relative to the Park, Battery and Bowling-Green,

A Law relative to Squibs and Crackers,

A Law for the removal of Snow and Ice from the Side-Walks and Gutters,

A Law to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchandize,

A Law to prevent fraud in the Sale of Vegetables,

A Law to license and regulate Chimney Sweeps,

A Law to prevent the blowing of Horns and other Instruments,

A Law to regulate the Public Markets,

A Law for appointing Commissioners of the Alms-House and Bridewell, and for regulating and governing the same, and the Penitentiary of the City of New York,

A Law to prohibit the Exposure of certain Hand-Bills,

A Law further to regulate Surveyors and Buildings,

A Law to prevent damages to Pumps,

[366] A Law regulating the Fees on making distress for Rent,

A Law to regulate partition-fences and Walls,

A Law respecting Weights and Measures,

A Law regulating the Sale of certain Fish,

A Law to prevent the Sifting of Lime in the Streets,

A Law for the appointment of an Overseer of the Public Roads and Highways, and of a Road Committee,

Be and the same, are hereby re-ordained, re-enacted and continued in force.

Alderman Allen presented a Law entitled a Law concerning Dogs, which being amended was as follows,

A Law concerning Dogs.

Sect^{n} 1st Be it Ordained, &c., That no Dog shall hereafter be suffered to go at large in the City and County of New York under the penalty of Ten Dollars upon the Owner or possessor thereof for each offence, and if it shall be alledged that such Dog is not owned by the person on whose premises the same shall be found, and that the Owner thereof is [367] unknown; it shall be lawful for the Register and Collector, herein after mentioned, to cause such Dog to be taken away and killed, and to have the carcase thereof removed and buried.

2^{d} And be it further ordained, That for every Dog which shall be owned or kept in the said City, the owner thereof shall annually, on or before the first Monday in June, pay to the Register and Collector aforesaid, the sum of Three Dollars, and for every Dog more than one, the sum of Five Dollars; and the owner or possessor of every such Dog or Dogs shall, on or before that day in every year, make report, in writing, to the said Register and Collector, of the number of Dogs by him or her owned or kept in the said City; and shall, at the same time, pay the said Register and Collector the Tax imposed by this Ordinance, under the penalty of Ten Dollars; and the said Register and Collector shall keep an alphabetical list of the names of all persons, who shall have paid such tax, of the number of Dogs reported, and of the sum received from each person.

3^{d} [368] And be it further ordained, That the said Register and

Collector shall be entitled to Thirty per Cent upon all monies by him collected; and shall on the first Monday in September, December, March and June in every year, account, under oath, with the Chamberlain, for the residue of such tax which shall have been by him received; and shall in each and every year hereafter, at least three weeks before the first Monday in June, open his said Office for the purpose aforesaid, giving at least six days previous notice in the News-papers employed by the Common Council of the time and place at which his said Office will be so opened, and shall keep the same opened for the purpose aforesaid, every day, Sundays excepted, during such time, for three weeks previous to the first Monday in June in each year.

4th And be it further ordained, That every Dog found at large within the City and County of New York, shall be liable to be seized and killed by the said Register and Collector, or such other person or persons as he shall for that purpose, from time to time appoint; which said Register and Collector or such other person or persons to be appointed, shall cause the carcasses of all Dogs by him or them seized [369] and killed, to be forthwith removed and buried; and for every Dog so killed, removed, and buried, shall be entitled to receive the sum of Fifty Cents from the Treasury, on producing proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, who shall thereupon certify the same. And further, that it shall be lawful for any person to kill any Dog going at large in any part of the City, which shall bite, or attempt to bite any person or animal.

5th And be it further ordained, That any person who shall hinder or molest the said Register and Collector, or other person or persons to be appointed as aforesaid, in carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay the sum of One hundred Dollars for each offence.

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Davis were as follows:

Affirmative. Mr Recorder, Aldn Hone, Ald. King, Ald. Morss [370] Aldn McQueen, Aldn Mann, Aldn Allen, Mr Bolton, Mr Stevens, Mr Crane, Mr Westervelt, Mr Parker, Mr Brittain, Mr Board. 14

Negative. Aldn Anthony, Aldn Thorp, Aldn Taylor, Mr Tallman, Mr Davis, Mr Hammond. 6

Whereupon the same was ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Counsel stated that as the Petitions to the Supreme Court for improving certain streets are not yet prepared, he recommended that they be authenticated in the Recess of the Board, which was agreed to.

The Counsel and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of the Manhattan Company, Reported:

That the matters stated in their Petition, are in the opinion of the undersigned, correct. That the sum of Three hundred and sixty seven Dollars and Twenty four Cents paid by the Petition- [371] ers on account of the Assessments for opening the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Avenues, was paid under an erroneous impression, that they had purchased in at a public sale the property upon which the sum was assessed: when in fact, they had only purchased other property, which had been assessed for opening Twenty Eighth Street.

The undersigned are therefore of opinion, that the sum together with the interest thereon should be repaid the Petitioners, that the property upon which that sum of money was Assessed, should be advertized for sale in pursuance of the Act.

Respectfully Submitted

signed Ogden Edwards
Jno. M^cComb, S^t Commiss^r

Which was approved, and the property directed to be advertized for sale as recommended.

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Rodman Bowne, Reported in the words following,

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catherine [372] Slip Ferry, setting forth, that the Common Council on the fifth day of January 1818. passed a Resolution to extend the Lease of the said Ferry to him for the same Term as the Fulton-Slip Ferry had been granted for the New-York and Brooklyn Steam Boat Ferry Company on condition that the Petitioner should place on his Ferry, another good and sufficient Horse Boat, to be propelled by at least Eight horses, within one year from the first day of May then next; And that the Petitioner had complied with the condition of the said Resolution and praying that the Common Council would appoint a Committee to examine the said Boat, to the end, that he might receive the grant according to the terms of the said Resolution, Report:

That the facts set forth in the said Petition are true, and that your Committee have examined the Boat built by the Petitioner, and

find her to be such an one as was contemplated by the Resolution referred to in the said Petition; in addition to which Your Committee beg leave to state, that your Petitioner has within a [373] few days launched another new and elegant Team Boat intended for the use of his Ferry.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, That the Petitioner is entitled to an extension of his grant, according to the true intent of the said Resolution, and they respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution:

Resolved, That this Common Council do approve the Team Boat built by Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catherine-Slip Ferry, pursuant to a Resolution of the fifth January 1818, and that the said Rodman Bowne is entitled to an extension of his grant of that Ferry, according to the provisions of said Resolution: and that the Counsel of the Board prepare such grant and report the same at the next meeting of this Board.

All which is respectfully submitted

signed E. W. King
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[374] The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants of Vesey Street in relation to Auctions, Reported:

That the practise and custom of occupying the streets of the City by the Sales at Public Auction, of goods and merchandize by retail is improper, in as much as it uses public property to the exclusive benefit of the Auctioneers. Your Committee think that there should be an exception of furniture on account of its great bulk, particularly where the same is second-handed, or has been used.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board prepare an Ordinance and present the same to the Board, prohibiting the Sale at Auction of all goods and articles of Merchandize, excepting second-hand furniture, in any part of Vesey Street, from and after the first of June next.

All which is Submitted

Samuel Stevens
signed John Morss
Thomas Bolton

[375] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Jacob Hanske for Stall N° 7 Spring Street Market, Reported the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

signed. Harm[s] Tallman
J. J. Westervelt
John Hone
Stephen Allen

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for the Sewer in Clarkson, Carmine Street and the sixth Avenue, and the remonstrance of Thomas and Gulian Ludlow Reported:

That they have examined the Assessment and heard the Assessors in explanation of the principles by which they were governed *it* [in] making it out, they have also heard the objections of the M[r] Ludlows, as to the amount assessed on their [376] property. One of their objections is, that they are charged on two acres of ground more than they own; in the Map furnished the Assessors, their ground is represented at $19^{27}/_{100}$ Acres, and for which they are assessed upwards of Six Thousand Dollars, by a certificate exhibited by the M[r] P. Ludlows and furnished by one of the Surveyors who made the Map, the same ground is represented as containing only $17^{16}/_{100}$ Acres, being more than two Acres less; here it appears is an error, the Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Assessment for the Sewer in Clarkson and Carmine Street and the Sixth Avenue, together with the Petition of Thomas and Gulian Ludlow and the Surveyors Certificate be referred back to the Assessors.

signed J. J. Westervelt
John Morss
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the report and accompanying documents directed to be transmitted to the Assessors.

[377] The report of the Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 13 was called up, and being read was as follows:

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 13 stating that their Engine was imported from England in the Year 1740. and that from some defect in the machinery owing to age and long service cannot be made from her suctions to draw a sufficient quantity of water to supply any other

Engine. That the chambers are smaller than a great majority of the Engines, whereby much water is lost in playing in line to extinguish a fire; that the Box and Machinery of said Engine are heavy and unwieldy, and runs very hard, whereby the other Engines have a decided advantage in repairing to a fire, notwithstanding the spirited exertions of the Company to arrive at the place in time to be serviceable, which it is the ambition of the Company to be; Report, That your Committee have had the said Petition under consideration, and made [378] the necessary enquiry, and find the statement of the Petitioners true; they further state, that they have been offered four hundred Dollars for Engine N° 13 and have taken the opinion of Mess^rs Hardenbrook & Smith as to the value of said Engine, and they state that the above sum is a fair price. The Committee are of opinion that the public interest requires that the spirit of emulation among the Firemen should be encouraged as far as a due regard to a judicious economy will permit.

Respectfully Submitted

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer is hereby empowered to dispose of Engine N° 13 for the sum of not less than Four hundred Dollars.

Resolved, that after the Sale of Engine N° 13, the Chief Engineer is hereby directed to procure a New Engine of the usual size for Engine Company N° 13.

Signed John P. Anthony
Hermanus Tallman

Whereupon the Resolutions therein proposed were adopted.

[379] The Report of the Committee on Public Offices to whom had been referred the petition of Mess^rs Hitchcock's which was presented on the 17^th Ultimo and laid for consideration, was now called up and being read was as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the accompanying petition of Mess^rs Edward & D. M. Hitchcock, praying that the Corporation make them some allowance or abatement on their contract for sweeping the Streets for the Years 1818. and 1819. and on their contract for the Slips for the Year 1818. Beg leave to Report:

That they have had this application of the Mess^rs Hitchcock's under consideration for a considerable length of time and have paid to it that attention which its importance both in a pecuniary point of view, and as involving nice principles for the present and future government of the Board appeared to require. Your Committee do not hesitate to say that when they first considered this application, that it was their opinion that the parties must abide by their contracts, whether the same

proved a gaining or a losing [380] concern. This must and ought to be the case under all common and usual circumstances, and should only be deviated from in most unusual and extraordinary cases; unusual and extraordinary circumstances exist in relation to these contracts, and they are of such a nature as have led your Committee to the conclusion that the petitioners are entitled to relief.

The leading circumstances which have governed your Committee, they detail to the Board. The most prominent of these circumstances is what is usually termed the alteration of times.

These contracts were entered into in March 1818; a period when our Citizens were carrying on business on an extensive scale and as they presumed in a lucrative manner: the Corporation about that time taking the advantage of the favorable aspect of trade, increased their rates of slipage fifty p^{r} Cent, and these Contractors influenced also by the same cause, not only gave a sum which was fifty p^{r} Cent more than the year preceding but added to it the sum of 3000 Dollars, on account of a further supposed increase of business.

[381] The Amount of their contract being 42,750 Dollars, when that of the preceding year was but 26,500 Dollars; the Board will remember that instead of business increasing, that from that time their came on a rapid decline, the Tonnage of our Vessels greatly diminished and Insolvencies prevented the collection of a considerable part of every description of debts. In this embarrassed state of affairs money became more valuable, which circumstance, together with the increased rate of Slipage led the Owners of some Vessels to make private bargains for the use of individual property, instead of frequenting with their Vessels the public Slips; this operated seriously on the petitioners in diminishing their Receipts.

That money is at least twenty-five p^{r} Cent more valuable than at the period that these contracts were entered into cannot be doubted.

The petitioners have been obliged to reduce the price of Street manure from five to three shillings a load, and the farmers appear unable to buy even at that price; Your Committee conceive that the increased value [382] of the money which the Petitioners pay into the Board is a strong circumstance in favor of relieving them on both contracts. The Board can and ought to make this money go much further than money would go in 1817. There are some circumstances in relation to each of these contracts, that entitle the Petitioners to some allowance even on strict principles of Justice. Many of the members of the Board will remember that in the winter of 1817. & 18 the Board agreed to take the extensive Basin at the foot of Roosevelt

Street previous to the receipt of the proposals for leasing the Slips, which proposals were made up, no doubt, by the Petitioners and others under a full conviction that they would be in the receipts of the Wharfage of that Slip for the whole of the ensuing year, but questions of Law delayed the acquisition of this property until after their contract had expired, so, that they received from it no income whatever. The Petitioners have valued the annual receipts of this Slip in their accompanying statement at 3000 Dollars.

[383] Under the Street contracts the Petitioners supplied, at the request of the Board of Health a Cart for each ward for several weeks during the Yellow Fever of the last summer, for which there has been no charge made.

The existence of the fever depopulated a considerable portion of the lower part of the City, which of course prevented the collection of the manure there, and the same calamity prevented to a considerable extent the Boats from taking manure on board in any part of the City, from the fear of taking the infection.

But these and other causes occasioning loss under these contracts are more fully detailed in the Contractors statement to the Committee. By the statement referred to, which is duly sworn to by the Contractors, it appears that they have suffered from the various causes mentioned, under their Slip contracts for the Year 1818. the sum of 4,250 Dollars—That is, they will be so much out of pocket if they are held to pay the amount of that Contract, and no allowance made for their not having the Slip [384] at the foot of Roosevelt Street, but your Committee think they are entitled under all the circumstances to an abatement on this Contract to the amount of the 3000 Dollars, the supposed value of that Slip.

The price which the Contractors gave for the Street Contract, was much larger than the Board anticipated, and far beyond the offer of any other individuals and under all the circumstances which have been mentioned, the Committee have concluded to recommend to the Board to divide the loss with the Contractors under this Contract. This loss appears satisfactorily to your Committee to amount to the sum of $7{,}793\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars for the two Years; the one half of which is $3.896\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars.

Your Committee offer the following Resolutions, Resolved, That the Comptroller on the final settlement of the Slip contract for the Year 1818. credit the Contractors the sum of 3,000 Dollars as an abatement made by the Board for the reasons above mentioned.

Resolved, That the Comptroller on the [385] final settlement of

the Street Contracts for the Years 1818 & 19 credit the Contractors the sum of 3,896$^{8}/_{100}$ as an abatement made by the Board on this Contract.

All which is Submitted.

Signed Samuel Stevens
John Morss
B. Crane
Wm A. Davis

The question being taken on agreeing to the first Resolution, it was carried in the affirmative, the Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann were as follows:

Affirmative. Alderman Hone, Ald. King, Ald. Anthony, Ald. Morss, Ald. McQueen, Ald. Taylor, Ald. Thorp, Ald. Allen, Mr Bolton, Mr Stevens, Mr Crane, Mr Parker, Mr Board, Mr Davis, Mr Hammond. 15.

Negative. Alderman Mann, Mr Brittian. 2.

The Question was then taken on the second [386] Resolution and carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann were as on the former vote. The question was then taken on the Resolutions and agreed to.

The Report of the Watch Committee which was presented on the 13th of March last, and laid for consideration was now called up, and being read was in the words following;

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the subject of reducing the pay of the City Watchmen on a Petition of the Inhabitants praying to have the present pay of the Watchmen continued, Report:

That they have had the subject under their consideration and are of opinion that the arduous duties of the Watchmen if they are faithful in their duties give them a claim on the City for the Amount they receive for their services, which compensation, we believe is not more than they ought to receive; but we are of opinion that one of the Assistants to each of the Cap- [387] tains in the first Watch District may be dispensed with; They therefore offer the following Resolution;

Resolved, that one of the Assistants to each of the Captains of the Watch in the first District be dispensed with.

Signed. Asa Mann
J. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor
D. Board.

Which was approved.

Alderman Morss then offered the following Resolution. Resolved, that the pay of the Captains, Assistants, and Watchmen of the City Watch be reduced after the 15th day of May Instant as follows, to wit,

The Captains from $1 87½/100 pr night to $1 5%100

The Assistants from $1 37½/100 pr night to $1 12½/100 and

The Watchmen from 87½ Cents pr night to 75 Cents.

The Question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative; the Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann were as follows; to wit,

[388] Affirmative Alderman Hone, Aldr King, Aldr Anthony, Aldr Morss, Aldr McQueen, Aldr Allen, Mr Bolton, Mr Stevens Mr Parker, Mr Davis Mr Hammond. 11.

Negative. Aldr Mann, Aldr Taylor, Aldr Thorp, Mr Crane, Mr Westervelt, Mr Brittian, Mr Board. 7.

Resolved, That the Salaries of the Assistant Justices and their Clerks commence and be accounted from the 14th day of February last past and that the first quarterly payments be made on the 14th day of May Instant.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to include in the Lease to the New York and Brooklyn Steam Boat Company, for the Slip and premises at Brooklyn, a small strip of land belonging to this Corporation, and not required for a public Street or highway, laying between the said slip and the Ferry House in its vicinity.

[389] Alderman Allen presented the following; Resolved, that the Finance Committee be authorised to employ a person at the expense of this Board, to assist the Comptroller in opening and arranging a new sett of Books for his Department.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury April 24th	$51.15	
Rec'd for Vendue Sales	2,500.	
" Tax of 1819. 4th 6th 7th 9th 10th Wards	14.500.	
" Canal Street Sewer	500.	
" Rents	411.92	
" Costs &c. Justices Court 1st 2d 3d Wards	157.	
" Mayoralty Fees	84.75	
" Commutation of Alien Passengers	25.	
		18.229.82

12 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st District	$1,167.25
Hibberd & Clark, Watch 2d District	756.
Bleakly & Brower, Watch 3d District	462.

N. Philips, Advertizing arrears of Tax in National Advocate	$200.	
Holly Waterbury, work at Mud Machine 12 days to 30th April	96.15	
[390] Daniel Biggs work at Lamps 1 Quarter 1st May	42.37	
H. Abel return of purchase money of Lot of Benjn Armitage sold by mistake. ordered by the Board 24th April	70.67	
Daniel Donocho Acct of a Well in Elizabeth Street	54.28	
James Pinkerton repairing pavement at Rutgers Slip	25.90	
John Hillyer repairing Cross Walk at Peck Slip	6.72	
Richard Varick Bond due 1st Inst	1,540.	
John Fleming Treasurer to pay 31st Dividend City Stock 1st Instant	13,500.	17,921.34
	Balance	$308.48

Board adjourned to Monday next at 10 °Clock.

[391] In Common Council May 8th 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President
Peter A Jay Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Harmanus Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John R. Willis stating that he was duly elected a Fireman on the 28th March 1803. but the then Clerk neglected to enter his appointment on the minutes, and praying that [392] the present Clerk may be authorised to give him the necessary Certificate of his time of service. And a similar Petition of Garrit Heyer who was appointed 28th March 1803. were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition from John E. Westervelt for the appointment of Resident House Surgeon to the Alms House, was read and referred to the Committee of the Alms House, with a request that they would recommend to the Board a suitable person to be appointed to that Office.

A Petition of Richard B. Fosdick offering to reglaze the public Lamps at 25 Cents p^r light, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition from Francis Depau and James Heard was received, stating that they are the Owners of the House and Lot of ground N^o 585 Broadway formerly the property of George Cleland deceased. That an Ordinance of the Corporation has been passed ordering the removal of said House [393] by the first of June next, as it is alledged the same stands on the Street; that the same having been leased by them to Ezra Ludlow for three years yet to come, and praying that the Ordinance directing said removal may be suspended until the expiration of the time abovementioned. Whereupon Resolved, that the execution of said Ordinance be suspended for the period above mentioned on the petitioners executing an agreement stipulating that the said House shall be removed at the expiration of the said time.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Willet near Rivington Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that Hester Street may not be extended to Green Street, as prayed for by a Petition heretofore presented, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Stephen Gould, that he may be [394] *be* employed to furnish to the newly elected Members the Laws of the State, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Counsel presented a Report, stating that the Report of the Committee of Estimate and Assessments for widening and extending Harman Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and recommending the appointment of a Collector; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Streets.

He also agreeably to order presented the draught of a Law entitled "a Law to amend the Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York" which was passed.

He also presented a Lease to Rodman Bowne for the extension of his Lease of Catherine Slip Ferry, which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

He also presented the following Report of Certificates of Sales of Lots for Non-payment of Assessments, which Certificates were directed to be [395] duly executed.

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution, Certificates of Sale of the property herein after described, for taxes, Viz^t

All that certain lot of land situated in the Second Ward of the City of New York at N^o 19 Cliff Street assessed as belonging to N. G.

Ingraham and sold to James Emmott for the term of one year from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $31 $^{4}6/_{100}$ being the Amount of the tax and charges.

Also all that certain house and Lot of land situated in the fifth ward of the City of New York at N° 95 Chapel Street assessed as belonging to Charles Debevoise and sold to John C. Teal for the term of three years from the 18th April 1822, for the sum of $31 $^{9}1/_{100}$ being the Amount of tax and charges.

Also all that certain other house and Lot of land situated in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York at N° Mott Street, assessed as belonging to H. *Vanousterlep* [Vannoutersturp] and sold to William and Gerardus Post for the term of one year from [396] the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $26 $^{2}8/_{100}$ being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other House and Lot of land situated in the Sixth Ward of the City of New York at N° 70 Cross Street, assessed as belonging to John G. Bogert and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of three years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $29 $^{4}2/_{100}$ being the amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the Seventh Ward of the said City at N° Lombardy Street, assessed as belonging to owners unknown and sold to Robert Morrel for the term of fourteen years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $45 $^{3}0/_{100}$ being the amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the Seventh Ward of said City at N° Scammel Street assessed as belonging to the Estate of John Ferris and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of twenty years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $23 $^{5}9/_{100}$ being the amount of the Tax and charges.

[397] Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the Seventh Ward of said City at N° Montgomery Street, assessed as belonging to Holly Green and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of nineteen years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $22 $^{8}1/_{100}$ being the amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the first Ward of the said City at N° Crosby Street, assessed as belonging to Glorian Franklin and sold to John Wallis for the term of nine years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $20 $^{4}5/_{100}$ being the Amount of the Tax and Charges.

Also all that certain other House and Six lots of ground situated in the eighth Ward of the said City at N° Bowery assessed as belonging to Samuel Richardson and sold to Robert Morrell for the term

of Six years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $28 71/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° [398] Crosby Street, assessed as belonging to William and sold to Charles Mowatt for the term of thirteen years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $20 46/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other house and lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Spring Street, assessed as belonging to Thomas S. Campbell and sold to James Meghan for the term of six years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $25 48/100 being the Amount of Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other House and Lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Charlton Street, assessed as belonging to John Millar and sold to Jonas Wood for the term of six years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $29 51/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those two certain other Lots of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Arden Street, assessed as belonging to Joseph Kingsland and sold to Abijah Pell for the term [399] of nineteen years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $24 07/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the Eighth Ward of said City at N° Downing Street, assessed as belonging to David S. Daniels and sold to Charles Smith for the term of forty years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $18 82/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the eighth ward of the said City at N° Carmine Street, assessed as belonging to David S. Daniels and sold to Charles Smith for the term of thirty years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $19 30/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain Mill situated in the ninth Ward of the said City at Kingsbridge, assessed as belonging to Robert McComb and sold to Charles Mowatt for the term of ten years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $38 17/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those two certain Lots of ground [400] situated in the tenth Ward of said City at N° Eldridge Street, assessed as belonging to John McKisson and sold to John McKisson for the term of

six years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $128 05/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the tenth Ward of said City at No Chrystie Street, assessed as belonging to the Heirs of Cox and sold to William L. Simers for the term of fifteen years from the 18th April 1822. for the sum of $20 46/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the tenth Ward of the said City at No Ridge Street, assessed as belonging to Schuyler Livingston and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of twenty years from the date aforesaid for the sum of $28 00/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the tenth Ward of the said City at No Pitt Street, assessed as belonging to Daniel [401] Livingston and sold to Alexander Wiley for the term of nineteen years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $27 85/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those four certain Lots of ground situated in the tenth Ward of the said City at No Cannon Street, assessed as belonging to unknown owners, and sold to Robert Morrell for the term of twenty seven years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $34 05/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the tenth Ward of said City at No Ridge Street, assessed as belonging to unknown owners and sold to Robert Morrell for the term of eleven years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $19 93/100, being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those four certain Lots of land situated in the said tenth Ward of said City at No Cannon Street, assessed as belonging to unknown owners, and sold to James Sivalds for the term of thirty five years from the date [402] aforesaid, for the sum of $34 05/100, being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the said Tenth Ward of the said City at No Willet Street, assessed as belonging to Ralph Jacobs and sold to Ralph Jacobs for the term of fourteen years from the date aforesaid for the sum of $19 54/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those two certain Lots of land situated in the said tenth Ward of the said City at No Lewis Street, assessed as belonging to William Edgar and sold to George Lovett for the term of nineteen

years from the date aforesaid for the sum of $31 35/100, being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain House and Lot of land situated in the Sixth Ward of said City at N° 57 Mott Street, assessed as belonging to Aaron Cregier and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of two years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $27 9/100 being the amount of the Tax and charges.

[403] Also all that other Lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Broadway, assessed as belonging to the Heirs of A. L. Bleecker, and sold to Charles Mowatt for the term of twenty one years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $22 75/100 being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Broadway, assessed as belonging to the Heirs of A. L. Bleecker, and sold to William J. Waldron for the term of sixteen years from the date aforesaid for the sum of $23 66/100, being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all that certain other Lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Broadway, assessed as belonging to Peter W. Livingston and sold to James Meghan for the term of seventeen years from the date, aforesaid, for the sum of $25 98/100, being the Amount of the Tax and charges.

Also all those two certain other Lots of land situated in the tenth Ward of said City at [404] N° Norfolk Street, assessed as belonging to Anthony Lamb and sold to Stephen D. Beekman for the term of eight years from the date aforesaid, for the sum of $66 99/100 being the Amount of Tax and charges.

Als[o] all that certain House and Lot of land situated in the eighth Ward of said City at N° Canal Street, assessed as belonging to Philip Baxter and sold to John W. Totten for the term of nineteen years from the date aforesaid, for the Sum of $25 09/100 being the Amount of Tax and charges.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Ogden Edwards.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Viz[t]

N° 1	B. Winthrop,	Owner,	Stanton & Essex St[s],	a Lot
2	R. M. Livingston,	Ditto,	116 Chapel S[t],	Ditto
3	M. Connelly,	Lessee & Occupant,	108 Anthony S[t],	Ditto
4	G. B. Abeel,	Owner,	186 Water S[t],	Ditto

5	M. Douglass,	Owner,	177	Pearl S^{t},	a Lot
	T. B. Wakeman,	Occupant,			
6	[405] J^{s} O'Brien,	Lessee and Occupant,	252	W^{m} S^{t},	D^{o}
7	P. Fitz Patrick, D^{o},	D^{o},	254	D^{o},	D^{o}
8	R^{d} Yeo,	Owner		Skinner S^{t},	D^{o}
9	Samuel A. Lawrence & Peter Schermerhorn	Owners,		Carlisle, West, Albany and Washington S^{t}	D^{o}
10	R^{d} Barton,	Owner,	92	Maiden Lane,	a Privy
	R. Jackson,	Occupant,			
11	J^{s} H. Kip,	Owner,	181	Pearl S^{t},	D^{o}
	John W. Levitt,	Occupant,			
12	E. Haynes,	Lessee & Occupant,	82	Chapel S^{t},	D^{o}
13	S^{l} Disbrow,	Owner,	227	Water S^{t},	D^{o}
	E. English,	Occupant,			

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

He also presented a communication, stating that an Ordinance had been passed directing the Lot at the corner of Bowling-Green Street and State Street owned by Mrs. Dale to be fenced in, which had not been complied with, and recommending that the Superintendant of Repairs enclose the same in fence; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee.

[406] The Attorney presented Complaints which had been made to him against the following persons which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. Viz^{t}

Against the Street Contractors for not Sweeping several Streets, and suffering the filth to remain in the Streets.

Against John Brown for heaping Manure South of the line prescribed by Law.

Against William Crawbuck for taking and carrying away Sods from the public Streets.

The Comptroller presented the following Report with the Account of the Treasurer or Chamberlain therein mentioned.

" The Comptroller respectfully Reports,

That he has received from the Chamberlain, an Account of Cash received into the Treasury, and paid out by warrants from the 1st November 1819. to the 29th April 1820. inclusive. He has compared said Account with the Books in his office and finds it correct. The

Accounts of the former Chamberlain not having been finally liquidated [407] the remarks made in a Report to the Board on the 8th November 1819. apply to the present Account Current, as it respects the Balance in the Treasury on the 20th April 1819.

The Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, from November 1st 1819. to April 29th 1820. inclusive, is also correct. A Balance of $12.74 remaining on the 20th April 1819. for the reason above mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

Whereupon the Account was directed to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council.

He also presented the following Report of the Annual Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Corporation: Vizt

" The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Common Council an Account of Cash received and paid, from May 10th 1819. to May 8th 1820.

The Balance in the Treasury at the date of [408] the last annual return, was	$13,355.02
Received during the year	790,787.01
	$804,142.03
Paid out by Warrants	803,833.55
Balance in the Treasury, May 8th 1820	Dolls. 308.48

The Sinking Fund account current with the Commissioners, for the year ending May 8th 1820. is also presented.

There has been purchased since the last annual report, the Sum of $18,500 City Stock.

Total amount redeemed $151,500.

Remaining in favor of the Commissioners, $17.000.

United States six per Cents, and in the Treasury $14,829.17; the whole of which is to be invested in the purchase of City Stock at a favorable time.

There is also presented, a list of Bonds payable by the Corporation, the Several Sums, rate of Interest on each, and the object for which they were contracted. Total $264,483.17.

A statement of the Public Debt, comprising the Bonds and City Stock, was laid before the Common Council on the 17th Ultimo.

[409] Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

New York May 8th 1820.

Bonds Payable May 8th 1820.

To whom.	Amount.	Rate of Interest per cent.	Charged to.
	Dolls.—cts.		
Richard Varick	1,540.		Water Lots.
Ditto	1,540.		Ditto.
Ditto	22,000.		Ditto.
Elisha W. King	1,835.	7	Common Lands.
Egbert Benson	2,000.	7	Ditto.
Peter Bonnett	3,251.33	7	Ditto.
Joseph Dederer	4,223.84	7	Ditto.
Silas Lord	8,437.61	7	Canal Street.
Peter Schermerhorn	15,000.	7	Docks & Slips.
Simon Remsen	2,641.88	7	Ditto
Rem Remsen	2,641.87	7	Ditto
Ocean Insurance Company	8,590.65	6	Ditto
David Stebbens	3,441.78	6	Ditto
Thomas S. Townsend	1,882.10	6	Ditto
Samuel Thorne	626.45	6	Ditto
[410] John Hunter	899.17	6	Ditto
Henry Overing	899.17	6	Ditto.
Gerardus A. Kuypers	3,000.	7	Defence.
State of New York	30,000.	6	Government House.
Mechanics Bank	9,000.	7	Loan.
Ditto,	1402.50	6	Docks & Slips.
Ditto,	19,450.	7	Canal-street Sewer
Ditto,	6,000.	7	Ditto.
Ditto,	22,647.37	7	Ditto.
Ditto,	51,000.	7	Loan.
Ditto,	9,000.	7	Ditto.
Ditto,	9,500.		Ditto.
Ditto,	22,032.45	7	Canal-street Sewer.
Dollars	264.483.17		

City and County of New York.

Account of Cash received and paid from May 10th 1819. to May 8th 1820.

Paid for	Alms House, Bridewell & Penitentiary	$84,420.
Do	Watch	61,064.37
Do	Lamps	26,538.13
Do	Fire Department	4,778.48
Do	Repairs and Improvements in the City	13,708.
Do	Battery, Foundation for the Wall	16,536.80
Do	Streets opening and improving	183,279.44
[412] Do	Canal Street, Interest on Bonds	690.63
Do	Third Avenue, working	6,500.00
Do	Sixth Avenue, awards	413.00
Do	Eighth Avenue, paid Assessors	36.00
Do	Ninth Avenue, do do	24.00
Do	First Street, for regulating	166.80
Do	Fourth Street, do	3,073.
Do	Roads, for working	1,975.
Do	Salaries	30,591.31
Do	Charitable Institutions	1,800.
Do	Register of Dogs, executing the Law	592.35
Do	Police Office, including Salaries	6,252.49
Do	Intestate Estates	333.61
Do	Interest on Bonds	8,500.63
Do	Docks & Slips	42,588.47
Do	*County Contingencies	24,748.72
Do	Wells & Pumps	2,475.64
Do	Excise, for Free School Society	1,500.
Do	City Stock, Interest	64,500.
Do	Commissioners on Streets and Roads for Maps	2,013.50
Do	Board of Health	4,506.87
Do	Commissioners of Common Schools	5,532.06
[414] Do	Common Lands paid for Inclinburgh lots returned	1,596.17
Do	four Bonds to Mechanics Bank	140,762.15
	New Alms-House, for ground adjoining	17,395.00
Do	Penalties remitted, and Charges of Court of Sessions	3,099.25
Do	State of New-York, for Insolvents on State Tax of 1818	2,167.17
Do	Canal Street Sewer	39,520.51
Do	Greenwich Sewer	154.00
Balance in the Treasury May 8th 1820		308.48
		Dolls. 804,142.03

* County Contingencies [See page 124].

[Receipts]

Balance in the Treasury, May 10th, 1819.....			$13,355.02
Received for Vendue Sales.....			12,500.
	Do	Excise	14,425.
	Do	Fire Department, Sale of Engine.	61.
	Do	Lamps, Sale of Oil Casks &c....	513.58
	Do	Justices' Courts	1,107.19
	Do	Streets, collected on Assessments	157,902.75
[413]	Do	Canal Street Assessments.....	7,134.30
	Do	Third Avenue, overpaid Contractor	24.80
	Do	Sixth Avenue assessment.....	4,700.00
	Do	Eighth Avenue, assessment.....	900.00
	Do	Avenue D. assessment.....	230.00
	Do	First Street, regulating.....	203.35
	Do	Fourth Street assessments.....	3,060.00
	Do	Ferries	9,487.32
	Do	Street Manure	1,250.00
	Do	Commutation of Alien Passengers	9,631.00
	Do	Loan of Mechanics Bank.....	128,950.00
	Do	Police Office, unclaimed goods sold	721.28
	Do	Intestate Estates	360.29
	Do	Interest on Bonds	449.41
	Do	Docks & Slips.....	41,685.35
	Do	Tavern Licenses	7,092.20
	Do	Wells & Pumps, for assessments.	3,608.44
	Do	Mayoralty Fees	1,160.75
	Do	City Stock, sold $100,000.....	100,750.00
	Do	Arrears of Taxes, collected.....	10,731.34
	Do	Board of Health.....	405.19
	Do	Common Lands, Rent.....	1,632.50
	Do	Do Do Sales in 1819. and Interest...	26,903.02
[415]	Do	Ground Rent	15,031.33
	Do	Water Lot Rent.....	6,983.18
	Do	Penalties received from Attorney	533.49
	Do	House Rent	3,881.85
	Do	Canal Street Sewer.....	21,000.00
	Do	Tax of 1818. balance.....	36,574.10
	Do	Tax of 1819. on Account.....	159,203.00
			Dolls. 804.142.03

New York May 8th 1820.

G. N. Bleecker Comptroller.

County Contingencies.

Stationary, Printing, Posting Bills, Maps of the City, Newspapers, Extra Advertizing	2,993.50
Assessors of Tax	2,934.00
Completing Tax, and taking Census	2,210.00
Celebration 4th of July and 25th November	1,874.00
Mud Machine, work and repairs	1,816.47
Coroner's Fees	1643.61
Alderman attending Sessions, 17 Months	1,576.00
Counsel trying Causes, Drafting Laws, Chancery Fees, Certificates of Sales of Lots, Chancery Case, Canal Street—Sewer	1,562.63
Recording Deeds, Index for Minutes, Examining Accounts of late Treasurer, Register of Alien Passengers, Examining Minutes and Engrossing Resolutions, Book of Jurors and Jury Tickets, Engrossing Health Law	1,147.37
Rent of Lot in Spring Street, Building a Wall to Cellar of Greenwich Market, [416] Removing Nuisances, Extra expense at Potter's Field, Errors in Tax remitted, expenses adjusting Weights and Measures, Water for Jail two years	871.47
Expenses of Corporation at City Hall, Fuel, cleaning Building	1,562.79
Peace Officers attending at issuing Tavern Licenses, Marshals on Coroner's Inquests, refreshments for Court of Sessions and Jury in March 1820., Constables on Sunday in Seventh Ward	514.50
Register's Office Cancelling Mortgages and drafting Index	640.38
Compensation to High Constable for past services	400.00
Set of Plate to Relict of Capt James Lawrence	364.00
Auction Fees on Lots sold	388.00
Costs in Suit, and Counsel fee, former Counsellor	358.31
Reverend John Stanford, services past year	300.00
Laws of the State, and Mr Stanford's Catechism for Alms House	204.07
[417] Inspectors and Clerks of Election 2d and 4th Wards in 1819. and Officers attending	327.00
Carriage hire to Bellevue and Committee's	120.00
Expenses relative to claim against the United States, for Defence	200.00
Portrait of General Jackson, on Account	200.00
Portrait of the Mayor	125.00
Declaration of Independence, frame and glass	28.00
Injury to a Horse by a Fire Engine	150.00
List of passengers, Foreign and Coasting	100.00
Watchmen, and poor witnesses attending Sessions	137.50
Dolls.	24,748.72

N. B. The Sinking fund Account Current with the Commissioners, will be found on the next page.

[418] Dr The Sinking Fund, in Account with [419] the Commissioners, for the Year ending May 8th 1820. Cr

1819.							
June 28th	To	Cash paid for $3000. City Stock, bought of G. L. Lewis at 102 per Cent	3,060.00		By	Balance in favor of the Commissioners, May 10th 1819	6,226.81
		Brokerage ¼ pr ct.	7.65				
				3,067.65			
July 9th	"	Ditto $17,000. U. S. 6 per Ct bought of J. G. Warren & Son at par,	17,000.00		"	Ditto for Interest on City Stock....	8,542.50
		Add dividend 1 Qr to 1st July	255.00		"	Ditto for Street Vaults	1,654.54
			17,255.00		"	Ditto for Market Fees	7,515.24
		Deduct Interest on $255. to 1st October 2 Months 22 Days....	3.48		"	Ditto for Water Lot Rents.....	1,562.07
			17,251.52		"	Ditto for Pawn Broker's Licenses..	680.00
		Brokerage ¼ pr ct.	42.50		"	Ditto for Hack Licenses	674.00
				17,294.02	"	Ditto for Commutation on Wheat Quit Rents	271.01
Septemr 18th	"	Ditto $5,000. City Stock, bought of Mechanic's Bank at 100¾ per Cent		5,037.50	"	Ditto for 25 per cent on Sales of Common Lands	22,740.00
1820.							
February 21st	"	Ditto $10,000. Ditto bought of N. Y. Insurance Company at 101¼	10,125.00		"	Ditto for Interest on U. S. Stock...	1,020.00
	"	Ditto $500. Ditto bought of Robinson & Benson at 101¼.....	506.25				
			10,631.25				
		Brokerage ¼	26.58				
				10,657.83			
May 8th	"	Balance in favor of the Commissioners.....		14,829.17			
			Dolls.	50,886.17			Dolls. 50,886.17

[420] The whole amount of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Sinking Fund, from the commencement, August 23d 1813, to May 8th 1820.

Received for Pawn Broker's Licenses		$4,966.63
Ditto for Hack Licenses		3,596.00
Ditto for Water Lot Rents		10,694.09
Ditto for Market Fees		48,459.68
Ditto for Street Vaults		11,731.60
Ditto for Interest on U. S. Stock, previous to sale		525.00
Ditto for Interest on City Stock		26,888.50
Ditto for Profit on U. S. Stock		299.34
Ditto for Interest on Defence Bonds previous to sale		230.18
Ditto for Commutation Wheat Quit Rents		3,999.91
Ditto for Commutation Water Quit Rents		15,583.47
Ditto for Twenty-five per Cent on sales of Common Lands		56,617.58
Ditto for Interest on U. S. Stock, 1819-1820		1,020.00
		184,611.98
Invested in $151,500. City Stock, which cost	$152,488.79	
Ditto in 17,000 U. S. 6 per Cent	17,294.02	
		169,782.81
Balance May 8th 1820.		$14,829.17

[421] Balance in favor of the Commissioners, $14,829.17

Signed { Cadwallader D. Colden, Stephen Allen, Ch. Finance Com. John Fleming, City Treasurer. G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller. } Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

[422] Whereupon it was ordered that the said Account be referred to the Finance Committee, to cause the same to be printed for the use of the Members and, to have the same published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William R. Hitchcock & Co. Reported:

That the due execution of the Act for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, is, in the opinion of your Committee, of much importance to the Commercial interests of this City; and although they believe the penalty incurred by the Petitioners was owing to their ignorance of the Law, and their belief that the Barrels was correctly branded, they nevertheless are of opinion, that the remission of so much of the penalty as the Act appropriate to the use of the poor, would be setting a precedent by this Board neither Salutary or useful, and they therefore recommend the following Resolution,

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Respectfully Submitted

[423] (Signed) Stephen Allen
John Hone
B. Crane
J. Hammond

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Riker, Reported:

"The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Riker complaining of the Assessment on his two Lots of ground corner of Chapel and Reed Street for the opening and regulating of Hudson Street from Duane to Chamber Street, Report;

That Mr Riker is Assessed $2,250. for the opening of Hudson from Duane to Chamber Street and $102 $^{59}/_{100}$ for the paving and regulating of the Streets in consequence of the said opening; of this he complains as disproportionate and oppressive, as to the benefits he derives from the said improvement, the Committee have had the subject for a considerable time [424] under their consideration, they feel satisfied that the Assessment is a very hard one, and if in the power of the Board, that the Petitioner ought to be relieved; but the Committee are at a loss in determining what measure to recommend to the Board on the subject, as the interfereing with an Assessment made by Commissioners and confirmed by the Court, would be a precedent of very dangerous tendency: under all the circumstances of the case, the Committee do recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Collector of the Assessment for the opening and improving Hudson Street from Duane to Chamber Street, and for paving and regulating the said Street, be hereby authorised to receive from James Riker, the amount of his Assessments without Interest, provided he pay the same on or before the first of August next.

(Signed) John Morss
Thomas Bolton
E. W. King
John P. Anthony

[425] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant, Reported:

That from the examination of the Books in the Comptrollers Office and a Certificate of Thomas Miller one of the Assessors of the ninth Ward, it appears that there is an error in calculation on one item amounting to $107 $^{80}/_{100}$ they therefore recommend that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved, that the Collector of the ninth Ward, be authorised to remit the sum of $107 $^{80}/_{100}$ on a tax of real property valued at $81,000 Dollars charged to Peter G. Stuyvesant.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
John P. Anthony
E. W. King
John Morss

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[426] The Street Committee on the Petition respecting paving Desbrosses Street and Sullivan Street Reported: that they have duly considered the subject committed to them and are of opinion that the Improvements required are proper and that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Sullivan Street be regulated & paved from Watts St to Canal St and the Street Commissioner be directed to report an ordinance for the same

Resolved that Desbrosses Street be regulated & paved from Varick St to Sullivan St & the Street Commissioner be directed to report an ordinance therefor—which were approved and the Resolutions adopted

[427] The Market Committee on the Petition of William De Graw for Stall N° 1 Grand Street Market reported & beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Signed. Harm^{s} Tallman
John Hone
J. J. Westervelt
Stephen Allen

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Allen, Resolved, that all references made by this Board be handed by the Clerk to the Chairman of the Committees of the next Board, and that the respective new Committees, be requested to report on all matters referred to the former Commitees respectively.

Resolved that the Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Fishermen frequenting Catherine Slip, be discharged from the [428] further consideration of the same, and that said Petition be referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 1st Instant		$308.48	
Received for Tax of 1819. 2d 3d 5th 6th 8th 10th Wards		11,520.00	
Do	Streets	660.35	
Do	Roads	50.59	
Do	Regulating Canal Street	1,300.00	
Do	Canal Street Sewer	1,500.00	15,339.42

45 Accounts Audited.

Richard Furman Sup. Alms House and Officers 1 Quarter's Salary 1st Inst	566.68
William Hoghland Keeper of the Penitentiary and 3 Assistants 1 Qr Salary 1st Instant	529.16
R. Graves Assistant Street Commissioner 1 Qrs Salary 1st Inst.	341.66
G. Sickels Keeper City Prison and 2 Assistants 1 Qrs Salary 1st Instant	316.66
[429] Jacob Morton Clerk Common Council 1 Qrs Salary 1st Instant	287.50
Richard L. Walker Physician City Prison, Jail &c. 6 Mos 1st Inst	125.00
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Inst	52.50
Abraham Ackerman Do 1 Mo. Do	52.50
Jonathan Pinckney Do 1 Mo. Do	52.50
Benjamin Hicks Assistant Board of Health 1 Month 1st Instant	43.75
George Mills Do Do Do	43.75
Obadiah Ayres Assistant City Inspector 1 Mo. 1st Inst	43.75
William J. Waldron Do Do 1st Inst	43.75
Austin & Cochran Messengers 1 Month 1st Instant	50.00
Andrew McCready Keeper of the Park 1 Mo. 1st Instant	33.75
William Smith Keeper of the Battery 1 Mo. 1st Instant	34.19
Daniel H. Magee Keeper of Potters Field 1 Mo. 1st Instant	37.50
John Burger regulating 4 Public Clocks 1 Mo. 1st Instant	55.55
[430] Benjamin Crane Stationary for Public Offices 1st January to 1st Instant	1.019.50

George L. Birch & Co. Printing 1 Qr 1st Inst.....				236.50
Ogden Edwards Counsellor drawing Laws &c.....				88.00
Office of Evening Post Advertizing Assessments and Subscription 1st March.....				341.00
Joseph Leonard for lists passengers 6 Months 1st Instant..				50.00
Obadiah Ayres removing Nuisances 1 Quarter 1st Inst....				17.40
John L. Lawrence for Inspectors and Clerks Election,			1st Ward	60.00
William W. Todd	Do	Do	2d Ward	52.00
William C. Mulligan	Do	Do	3d Ward	68.00
Eldad Holmes	Do	Do	4th Ward	52.00
Benjamin Strong	Do	Do	5th Ward	60.00
Richard L. Walker	Do	Do	6th Ward	60.00
Benjamin Prince	Do	Do	7th Ward	52.00
Samuel M. Thompson	Do	Do	8th Ward	60.00
Dirck Ten Broeck	Do	Do	9th Ward	60.00
Reuben Clark	Do	Do	10th Ward	60.00
G. Snethen Superintending & Lighting Lamps 1 Month 1st Instant				610.10
[431] Robert Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Month 1st Instant				68.25
Thomas Lovett Acct regulating Canal Street.....				1,200.00
James Meghan Acct paving Elm Street.....				100.00
Peter Debaum Acct regulating McDougal Street.....				100.00
Peter Parcells balance regulating Washington Street.....				84.36
G. Richardson rent of ground for Engine House No 30 in Rivington Street 1 Year 1st May.....				15.00
James Jenkins Room for Justices Court 5 & 8 Wards 1 Qr 1st Instant				40.00
James Conelly Room for Justices Court 1st 2d & 3d Wards 1 Qr 1st Inst.....				20.00
Richard Furman Superintendant Alms-House.....				6,000.00
Richard Furman	Do	for work 3d Avenue....		1,000.00
				14,284.29
			Balance	$1,055.13

[432] The Minutes of the proceedings were read and approved.

This being the period assigned by Law for the persons elected to Offices in the Corporation of the City of New York at the late Charter Election to take the Oaths prescribed by Law, the persons mentioned in the return made by the Clerk of the City and County and presented to the Board at the last meeting, appeared and took the Oaths prescribed by the Charter and the Laws which were administered to them by his Honor the Mayor.

The newly elected Members having taken the Oaths of Office, the Board was again formed as follows, and the following business was transacted.

The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor Presidt
Peter A. Jay Esqr Recorder.

Alderman.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
[433] John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
David Board	Stephen P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	Isaac Emmons
Stephen Allen	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The following Rules and Orders for the government of the Proceedings of the Common Council were read and adopted. Vizt

1st Upon the appearance of five Alderman and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the Chair as President, and the Members be called to order.

2d Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end, that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3d The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4th [434] The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote, and no more.

5th Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the President.

6th When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

7th No person shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

8th No question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9th After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10th When a question is under debate, no mo- [435] tion shall be received, unless

1. To amend it,
2. To commit it,
3. To postpone it,
4. To the previous question, or
5. To adjourn.

11th A Motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12th The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—" Shall the main question now be put?"

13th Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case, he shall not vote.

14th A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be sub- [436] mitted to.

15th All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16th Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it.

17th In all divisions taken by the Board, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the minutes the name of the member calling for the division.

18th No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19th All appointments of Officers shall be made by Ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board.

20th No member shall absent himself without [437] permission from the President.

21st All Committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committees appointed to report on

any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a state of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee.

22d Whenever the doors are directed to be closed, all persons, excepting the Members and the Clerk of the Common Council, shall retire.

23d A motion for the order of the day shall take precedence of all other motions, and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions and original communications.

24th The Standing Committees shall be as follows:

1. Applications,
2. Assessments,
3. Arts & Sciences,
4. Canal,
5. Charity,
[438] 6. Ferries,
7. Finance.
8. Fire Department,
9. Lamps,
10. Laws,
11. Markets,
12. Police,
13. Public Lands & Places,
14. Public Offices,
15. Repairs,
16. Roads,
17. Streets,
18. Watch,
19. Wharves, Piers & Slips.

Those on Applications, Arts & Sciences, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, and Charity, shall consist of three, and the others of five.

By the Common Council

(Signed) Jacob Morton Clk.

On motion of Alderman Allen, Resolved that the Superintendant of the Alms House and Bridewell and Penitentiary lay before the [439] Board an Estimate of the articles necessary to be purchased for the yearly consumption of those establishments both for food and clothing, and the materials for manufacturing the articles usually made in the House; such estimates to designate seperately the quantity and quality of each and every article required, for one year's consumption, and the particular periods of the year in which it will be necessary to have the same or any part thereof delivered.

Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 oClock.

In Common Council. May 15th 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President, Peter A. Jay Esqr Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
[440] Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
David Board	Isaac Emmons
George B. Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Calender of the persons confined in the City Prison or Bridewell furnished by the Keeper thereof agreeably to the Resolution of the Board, which was directed to be filed.

The following were appointed by the Mayor the Standing Committees for the ensuing Year.

Standing Committees,

Appointed in Common Council May 15th 1820.

1. Applications.
Alderman Board
" Kip
Mr De Peyster

[441] 2. Assessments.
Mr Town,
Alderman Anthony,
Mr Bolton,
Alderman Townsend,
" Swartwout.

3. Arts & Sciences.
Alderman McQueen,
Mr Emmons,
Alderman Tooker.

4. Canal.
Alderman Swartwout,
Mr Emmons,
Mr Tallman,
Mr Parker,
Mr De Peyster.

5. Charity.
Mr Parker,
Mr Bolton,
Alderman Board.

[442] 6. Ferries.
Alderman Townsend,
" Mann,
" Anthony.

7. Finance.
Alderman Allen,
Alderman Tooker,
Mr Hammond,
Mr Crane,
Mr Brittain.

8. Fire Department.
Alderman Anthony,
" McQueen,
Mr Tallman.

9. Lamps.
Alderman Kip,
" Anthony,
Mr Crane.

10. Laws.
Mr Hammond,
Alderman Townsend
Mr Bolton.

11. Markets.
Mr Tallman,
Alderman Allen,
" Kip,
" Tooker,
Mr Town.

12. Police.
Mr Bolton,
Alderman Allen,
" Thorp,
Mr Valentine,
Alderman Kip.

13. Public Lands & Places.
Alderman Tooker,
Mr Emmons,
Alderman McQueen,
Mr Parker,
Mr De Peyster.

14. Public Offices.
Mr Crane,
Mr Bolton,
Mr Valentine,
Alderman Swartwout.
Mr De Peyster.

15. Repairs.
Alderman Thorp,
Mr Crane,
Mr Brittain.

16. Roads.
Mr De Peyster,
Alderman Thorp,
" Board,
" Kip,
Mr Hammond.

17. Streets.
Alderman Swartwout,
Mr Emmons,
Mr Brittain,
Alderman Mann,
Mr Parker.

[443] 18. Watch.
Alderman Mann,
Mr Valentine,
Alderman Board,
Mr Emmons,
Mr Town.

19. Wharves, Piers & Slips.
Alderman Allen,
" Mann,
Mr Tallman,
Alderman McQueen,
Mr Valentine.

A Petition from William Paulding Junior for permission to construct a Vault in Jay Street, and a similar Petition from Caleb Horton to construct one in Cliff Street, were read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Committee.

A communication to his Honor the Mayor received from Boston in relation to the measures pursued by them on the subject ot guarding against Pestilential Diseases; was read and laid on the table.

A Petition of William L. Stone Editor of the Commercial Advertizer, to be accommodated [444] with a place within the Bar of the Common Council Chamber, for the purpose of taking Notes of, and respecting the proceedings of the Common Council, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of John Anderson for payment of amount of Contract due to him for building Pier at the foot of Vesey Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A complaint of the Marshals and Constables of the Assistant Justices Court of the first, second and third wards, against Joshua L. Pell Clerk of the said Court, and praying his removal from Office, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Executors of Daniel Smith deceased praying a return of certain expences paid on Release of Lot No 94 Bayard's Farm, they having redeemed said Lot; was referred to the Finance Committee.

[445] A Petition of James Wallace Contractor for building the Sewer in Clarkson, Carmine Street, and Sixth Avenue praying an advance of ten or fifteen Thousand Dollars on said Contract, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was received from Colonel Armistead of the United States Engineer Department, stating that on Account of the smallness of the appropriation by the Government of the United States for Fortifications, the Secretary of War will not be in funds to unite with the Corporation in the repairs and improvement of the Battery, as proposed by his letter of the 31st January last; which being read was directed to be filed.

A Petition of Elizabeth Downey was received stating, that her husband in his life time was owner of a Lot N° 214 Bowery Lane, and that he erected a House thereon agreeably to directions and the survey of the then Street Commissioner Mr Hunn and City Surveyor: that she has lately received an order from the Board [446] to remove the said House as it encroached on the Street, which order she has complied with at a considerable expence, and praying that that expence may be reimbursed to her; which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that the part of Hester Street West of Rhynder Street may be called Howard Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Chauncey was received stating, that with the approbation of the Ferry Committee, and on their agreement that one half of the expence should be borne by the Corporation the Inhabitants near Hell-Gate Ferry, had repaired the Road leading to the Ferry, and praying a reimbursement of the half of the expence of the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Charles Loss formerly a City Surveyor, praying a reappointment to said office was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[447] A petition from sundry Dealers in and Distillers of Domestic Spirits, stating that inconveniences are experienced from the Law which prohibits a Deputy Inspector from being a City Guager, and praying said Law may be repealed, and Charles C. Williams be appointed a Guager, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from sundry owners of Land on the Tenth Avenue, praying for reasons stated in said Petition, that the said Avenue may be compleated from twenty eighth Street to its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road at Seventieth Street, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Absalom Cudnor for License as a weigher of Hay, and to be permitted to weigh at the Scales established at the corner of the third Avenue and one hundred and twenty fifth Street, was read, and the prayer of the Petition granted, and he was appointed accordingly.

[448] A Petition from sundry Pawn Brokers, praying an alteration in the Law respecting Pawn-Brokers so that the fee for their License may be lessened, and that their fees on advances made upon small sums may be encreased, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Charles Byrne to be permitted to sell goods at Auction in the Street in front of his House N° 179 Chatham Street, as has been granted for many years past to his father now deceased, and to the Petitioner since his death, was read and referred to the Street Committee with a request that they would report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of Charles Langley for remission of fine for selling Liquor on Sunday, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the penalty.

A request of Cap[t] Samuel Evans for the [449] use of the Mud Machine to clear out the Launching Slip at the Navy Yard, for the convenience of the Launching of the Seventy four Gun Ship of the United States now building there, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of Samuel Evans was received stating, that he is Lessee under the Corporation of the Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to Little Street Long Island with a priviledge to run Steam

or Horse Boats thereon, that for the greater accommodation of the public he had a Horse Boat built to place on said Ferry; but on examination it appears the Slip at that place is unsuitable, and praying that alterations may be made in said Slip, and that in the mean time some place in the vicinity of Walnut Street may be assigned to him to run his Boat from; which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

[450] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Washington Market, stating that they have been prohibited by the Street Commissioner from placing any articles of Merchandize on their Stoops and Platforms, and praying the repeal of the Law which denies them that privilege, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John T. Blauvelt to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood.

A Petition of Joseph Wentworth, John Insley and Henry Hutchins for the appointment of Street Inspectors, were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of Clement Moore and John Jacob Astor's was received stating, that they have been assessed as they are advised contrary to Law for regulating the 8th and 9th Avenue that they were desirous of the question receiving a legal decision in the most expeditious and least expensive manner, and thereon some time [451] since petitioned the Corporation on the subject; that no steps have yet been taken by the Counsel of the Board to whom their application was referred, and having been called on by the Collector for payment, they again request the attention of the Board to their Petition: Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel.

A Petition of George Barnes for a Stall in Grand Street Market and of Philip Bowerhan's for Stall N° 4 in the same Market, were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Burjeau and others Auctioners for remission of fine incurred by selling at Auction in Vesey Street, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to remit the penalty.

A Petition of Margaret Salters for remission of fine recovered against her husband Daniel Salters and for which he is now imprisoned, [452] was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of William King for an abatement of Personal Tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Thomas and Gulian Ludlow was received, stating that a certain peice of ground belonging to the Corporation and Petitioners has been assessed $193. for widening Carmine Street and extending the 6th Avenue; that they are desirous of paying their part of said assessment, and praying measures may be taken to apportion the same between them; which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Charter & Williams for permission to construct a Drain from their Cellar N° 67 Pearl Street to the Main Sewer in Broad Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of [453] the Petitioners.

A Petition of William Allen Inspector of Fire Wood was received, stating that the District assessed to him at Whitehall, has from the removal of the North River Vessels become of no value, and praying to be appointed to the district assigned to Mr. John Young lately deceased; which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Cornelius Dubois complaining of an undue assessment upon him for a Well and Pump in First Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Margaret Parsons executrix of John McComb deceased, praying relief from an assessment on the property of John McComb laid for widening Washington Street from Warren to Chamber Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[454] A Petition that the Pump N° 1 Charlton Street may be repaired, was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants was received, stating that they have received orders from the Street Commissioner to remove all goods from the space between their Houses and the Curb Stones, except from the space of one foot in front of and adjoining their Houses; and praying the Law may be so amended as that the Citizens may occupy the third part of the space between their Houses and the Curb Stone adjoining their Houses; was referred to the Street Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed, Viz[t]

1. Peter Ogilvie,	Owner,	Columbia S[t],	a Lot
2. Gabriel Hatfield,	Ditto,	Ditto,	D°
3. Joshua Hatfield,	Ditto,	Ditto,	D°
4. Owen Murphy,	Ditto,	Pearl S[t],	D°

5.	[455] John Beekman,	Owner,		Hester S^{t}	a Lot
6.	The Vestry of Trinity Church Thomas Barrow,	Agent,		Canal S^{t},	Ditto.
7.	R^{t} R. Hunter,	Owner,		Cedar S^{t},	Ditto
8.	Patrick Meghan, Owen Gilloone,	Owner, Occupant,		Cross & Anthony S^{t},	Ditto.
9.	Jacob Whitson,	Lessee,	191	Water,	Ditto.
10.	Peter Lorrillard,	Owner,	193	D^{o},	Ditto.
11.	David L. Haight, Mrs. Ray,	Owner, Occupant	9	Burling Slip,	Ditto.
12.	Oram & Mott, Lessees & Occupt^{s},		5	D^{o},	Ditto.
13.	The Vestry of Trinity Church, Th^{s} Barrow,	Agent,		Sullivan S^{t},	Ditto.
14.	Fran^{s} Nowlan,	Owner,	84	Cross S^{t},	Ditto.
15.	Mrs. Waters,	Owner,	86	D^{o},	Ditto.
16.	Ditto,	D^{o} & Occup^{t}	88	D^{o},	Ditto.
17.	Meighan,	Owner,	90	D^{o},	Ditto.
18.	J. Renville,	Ditto,		Varick S^{t},	Ditto.
19.	Mrs. Batchelor,	Ditto,		D^{o},	Ditto.
20.	Mrs. Tallmadge, D^{r} S. D. Beekman,	Ditto Agent		Warren & Washington S^{t},	Ditto.
21.	Peter Schermerhorn,	Owner,		South S^{t},	Ditto.
22.	T. N. Weathershire, T. E. Tylee,	Owner, Occupant,	15	Chamber S^{t},	a Privy
23.	[456] G. B. Abeel, J^{s} M^{c}Guire,	Owner, Occupant,	53	Augustus S^{t}	Ditto.
24.	G. B. Abeel, J. Thompson,	Owner, Occupant,	55	D^{o},	Ditto.
25.	Ja^{s} Allen,	Owner & Occupant,	46	Allen S^{t},	Ditto.
26.	Reuben Leggett,	Owner,	54	Cherry S^{t},	Ditto.
27.	J. M^{c}Cullough	Lessee & Occup^{t},	7	Burling Slip,	Ditto.
28.	P. Schermerhorn, Mott & Williams,	Owner, Occupants,	93	South S^{t},	Ditto.
29.	P. Schermerhorn, Hendrickson & Woods,	Owner, Occupants,	92	D^{o},	Ditto.
30.	R. H. & Jno. Bowne, S^{l} Mott,	Owners, Occupant,	181	Front S^{t},	Ditto.
31.	Rogers Winthrop & Co.	Owners and Occupants	229	Pearl S^{t},	Ditto.
32.	H^{y} Johnson, D. Cornin,	Owner, Occupant,	102	John S^{t},	Ditto.

33.	S. & T. Lambert,	Owners, and Occupants,	231	Pearl S^{t},	a Privy
34.	D. P. Campbell, P. Demilt,	Owner, Occupant,	239	D^{o},	Ditto.
35.	Samuel Woods & Son's	Owners, and Occupants,	261	D^{o},	Ditto.
36.	[457] J. Taylor,	Owner & Occupant,	183	D^{o},	Ditto.
37.	Meighan, D^{s} Meighan,	Owner, Occupant,	90	Cross S^{t},	Ditto.
38.	Mrs. Waters, Ja^{s} Judge,	Owner, Occupant,	86	D^{o},	Ditto.
39.	F^{s} Nowlan, M. Patterson,	Owner, Occupant,	84	D^{o}.	Ditto.
40.	R. H. & Jno. Bowne, Redmond & Frost,	Owners, Occupants,	183	Front S^{t},	Ditto.
41.	R. H. & Jno. Bowne, S^{l} Mott,	Owners, Occupant	181	D^{o},	Ditto.
42.	John J. Glover, Mrs. Mudge,	Owner, Occupant,	223	Pearl S^{t},	Ditto.
43.	D. P. Campbell, J. Copp,	Owner, Occupant,	207	D^{o},	Ditto.
44.	M. & I. Dissoway H^{y} Peters, Mrs. Maria Teubener,	Lessees, Agent, Occupant	201	D^{o},	Ditto.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Attorney reported the following complaints which had been presented to him, which were [458] referred to the Committee on Public Offices Viz^{t}

Against Mess^{rs} Dobbs & Furman, Street Contractors for not removing the dirt from Orange and Hester Street;

Against Robert Irwin for taking up and Carting away Street Manure from the Street, and, Against Matthews, Banta, Mead and Williams Hay Cartmen, for Carting Hay without being weighed.

An Account from the Sheriff for fees of Officers for attending Courts, was presented, and referred to the Board of Supervisors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Lawrens Street near Bleecker Street, which was confirmed, and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Elm Street from White to Hester Street, and for a Well and Pump [459] in Elizabeth Street near Prince Street, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on Assessments for regulating Amity Street, for paving Church Street, Liberty Street, Chapel Street, repaving Washington Street, regulating Wooster Street, Bleecker Street and Herring Street, for a Well and Pump in Burton, Broom, Thompson, Arden and Lawrens Streets, Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors to collect the same.

The following Resolution was presented and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with authority to act in the premises provided, no expence accrue to the Corporation thereby.

Resolved, that the line of Water Street be straightened from the Westerly side of Rutgers Slip to the Westerly side of Clinton Street; and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to [460] cause the corner of Rutgers Slip and those of Jefferson Street to be laid out accordingly.

On motion of Mr Brittain, Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council cause to be furnished to the newly elected Members of the Board, a Copy of the Charter of the City, of the Ordinances of the Corporation, a Sett of the Laws of the State, and the Badges of Office.

Resolved, That the Clerk cause to be printed a list of the Members of the Board and the Officers of the Corporation with their places of residence, and also the Rules and Orders of the Corporation, for the use of the members of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 8th Inst	$1,055.13	
Received for Canal Street Sewer	8,000.00	
" " Excise	4,725.00	
" " Streets	1,300.00	
[461]" " Tax of 1819. 6th Ward	1,000.00	
" " Costs &c. Justices Court 4th & 6th Wards	311.57	
" " Mayoralty fees	78.75	
" " Commutation Alien Passengers	15.00	
		16,485.45

26 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st District	1,167.25
Hibberd & Clark Do 2d Do	756.00
Bleakley & Brower Do 3d Do	462.00
G. N. Bleecker Comptroller 1 Quarters Salary 15th Instant	447.92

Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of Repairs 1 Quarters Salary 14th Inst	258.33	
John Sidell to pay Officers attending Election in April	240.00	
Francis Hall & Co. Advertizing arrears of Tax in Commercial Advertizer	200.00	
Holly Waterbury work at Mud Machine 12 days to 14th Instant	69.40	
[462] John W. Wyman, to pay Witnesses at Court Sessions	43.00	
Ocean Insurance Company, Interest on Bond 6 Months 10th Instant	257.72	
David Stebbins, Interest on Bond 6 Months 10th Instant, and on Bond assigned by Henry Overing 12 Months to 10th Instant	157.20	
Samuel Stilwell, ground rent for Engine House 19 Christie St 1 year 1st Instant	20.00	
John Bailey, balance Paving Varick Street	272.06	
Pinkerton & Forgie, Acct paving Hammond Street	150.00	
Abraham Baudouine, and Associates making sundry Assessments	120.00	
John Bailey, balance re-paving Orchard Street	81.50	
Hugh Donocho, Acct of a Well in Laurens Street	42.90	
Thomas Fessenden, Assistant Justice 1st 2d 3d Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	437.50	
[463] Noah Bartlett, Assistant Justice 4th & 6th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	437.50	
Herman Ruggles, Assistant Justice 5th & 8th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	437.50	
John Leveridge, Assistant Justice 7th & 10th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	437.50	
Joshua L. Pell, Clerk Justice's Court 1st 2d 3d Ward's 1 Quarters Salary 14th Instant	187.50	
John Campbell, Clerk Justice's Court 4th & 6th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	187.50	
George Betts, Clerk Justice's Court 5th & 8th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	187.50	
William H. Smith, Clerk Justice's Court 7th & 10th Wards 1 Quarter's Salary 14th Instant	187.50	
Mechanics Bank 2 Bonds & Interest for Canal Street Sewer	9,236.25	16,481.5[illegible]
Balance		$3.92

[464] The Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 oClock P. M.

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

May 22, 1820 to November 13, 1820

[1] In Common Council May 22d 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President,
Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
David Board	Isaac Emmons
George B. Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Harman Street, praying that the houses which are to be removed on the opening of the Street may be immediately taken down and the rubbish removed, was read and laid on the table.

A Petition of Moses Jarvis Proprietor of the [2] House corner of Chatham Street and Catherine Street intended to be removed on the extending of Chatham Street, praying that said House may be permitted to remain until the first of May next, was read and laid on the table.

A Petition for an additional number of Lamps in Cheapside Street was referred to the Lamp Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A Petition from Charles Wilkes to be relieved from a personal tax assessed upon him in the 8th Ward for 1819. having already paid a personal Tax in the First Ward; was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Messrs Dobbs & Furman Contractors for Street Manure, praying that a place may be assigned them for the Deposit of the Street Manure previous to the sale thereof, was read and referred to the Street Committee with authority to assign to them a suitable place for said purpose.

A Memorial of Samuel Evans was received, stating that in the Lease of Catherine [3] Ferry to Rodman Bowne, the grant is for a Ferry to Brooklyn generally, reserving a right to the Corporation to

grant a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to the Wallabought; that the grant of the Ferry to the Petitioner from Walnut Street is to Little Street on Long Island that the grants are by some thought conflicting; should there be doubts respecting it as there is an application on the part of Mr. Bowne for an extension of his lease. Petitioner prays that in the renewal the clause of reservation may be withdrawn from the Lease; Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Henry Barclay complaining of a Nuisance existing between Broad and Moore Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Lace for an appointment under the Board, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Noah Brown and others complaining that the ground on North Street is at present regulated too high, and requesting the subject to be referred to a Committee [4] for examination; was referred to the Street Committee.

A further Petition of Charles Langley was received, stating that the Committee on his former petition, had remitted the penalty incurred on his paying the Costs, but that he was unable to pay those Costs, and praying further relief, was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant relief.

A further Petition from Daniel Salters for relief from fine incurred, was referred to the same Committee with like powers.

A Petition from certain dealers in Hay and Hay Cartmen, praying further accommodation for Hay Boats at Duane Market Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers, and Slips.

A Petition from David S. Jones for himself and brothers and Robert Benson, praying that a Sewer may be constructed through their grounds through Minetto Street to the main Sewer, was read and referred to the Canal Committee [5] with authority to grant the request, Provided, the Corporation are at no expense for the said improvement.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants owners of Lots in Canal Street, praying that the Curb Stones and pavement be laid and the side walks regulated on the Northerly and Southerly side of said Street, between Broadway and Chapel Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Jonathan I. Coddington and others calling the attention of the Common Council to the situation of the grounds between Fulton and Peck Slip and South of Front Street which was

represented as in a state of Nuisance. A Representation was also made by the Street Commissioner of the state of those grounds, and recommending that they be regulated: And a Resolution was presented by Alderman Townsend recommending the same measure, which severally were read and referred to the Street Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen [6] the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies. Viz[t]

Hose Company N° 1

Samuel B. Hoyt Painter N° 8 Ann S[t] 2[d] Wd vice Richard Vose Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 1.

Thomas W. Hoyt Merchant N° 6 Varick S[t] 5 W[d] vice William Moore & Ransom Swartwout Carpenter N° 18 Leonard S[t] 5 W[d] vice Samuel Moore } Resigned

N° 2

Isaac Ward Grocer N° 23 Oliver 4 W[d] vice Moses Frazier Deceased

N° 6

Isaac L. Burr Grocer cor. Varick & Broom 8 W[d] vice John Urmey, Resigned

William Civill Grocer Duane N[r] West S[t] 5 W[d] " William Secor, time Expired

N° 8

James Tylee Jun[r] Turner, Chatham S[t] 4 W[d] vice Richard Ronalds, Resigned

James C. Adams Builder Leonard S[t] 6 W[d] " Robert McIlwain, D°

Malen Ketchel Builder 219 Church S[t] 5 W[d] " John L. Bogert, D°

N° 10

Abraham Merlett Chair Maker cor. Bleecker S[t] & Bowery 8 W[d] vice Leonard Rigger, time Expired

N° 14

Henry Wagner Carpenter 124 Cherry S[t] 7 W[d] vice James Baldwin, Resigned

N° 15

Simeon Pye Locksmith Leonard S[t] 6 W[d] vice Thomas Cornell D°

N° 17

Thomas C. Hawley Merchant
56 Oak St 6 Wd vice William Anderson Resigned
William A. Cox Merchant
70 Forsyth 10 Wd " John Lent Do
John A. Collard Blockmaker
7 Batavia St 4 Wd " Abraham Horton Do

[7] Fire Engine Company

N° 18

George Pine, Watchmaker 239 Pearl 2d Wd vice Benjamin Demilt, whose time of service is Expired

N° 22

Henry Clear, Shipwright
Bancker St 7 Wd vice James Greaton, Resigned

N° 23

Charles F. Smith Carpenter
260 William St 4 Wd vice Charles L. Strong, Do

N° 24

Jacob Wardell, Grocer
200 William 4 Wd vice John De Clew, Do
Samuel Combs, Shoemaker
198 William St 4 Wd " Henry Lyon, Do

N° 25

Dimond Chandler Silversmith
Frankfort St 4 Wd vice Isaac Thorn, Do

N° 26

Eliphas Tracey, Shipwright
94 Henry St 7 Wd vice Stephen Thorn, Removed

N° 30

James Relay, Cartman
133 Orange 6 Wd vice Winant Stone, Do
John Simpson, Ropemaker
Rivington St 10 Wd " John Palmer, Do
Lawrence Devoe, Cartman
Eldridge & Rivington St 10 Wd " Alexander Caniff, Resigned

N° 32

William T. De Forest Shoemaker
67 Forsyth St 10 Wd vice James Brush, Do

N° 34

John Leonard, Hatter
Hudson St 8th Wd vice James Voorhis, Deceased.

N° 37

Samuel Cornell Butcher
78 Rivington St 10th Wd vice Isaac Kans, Resigned

N° 39

James Kain Marble Cutter
cor. Reed & Greenwich 3d Wd vice William McKinny time of service Expired.

[8] James Wood, Tin Plate Worker
58 Dey St 3d Ward vice John L. Clark, Resigned

N° 41

William Tompkins, Cartman
5 Jefferson St 7 Wd vice George P. Powell, Removed

Isaac Marshall, House Carpenter
Columbia St nr Delancey St 10 Wd " Robert Parker, Resigned

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Loss, Reported in the words following,

"The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application of Charles Loss for a renewal of his appointment as City Surveyor, Respectfully Reports, that in his opinion Mr. Loss must have acquired considerable information and experience as a City Surveyor, having held that appointment for several years, and no doubt he will be useful in that line if reappointed. But a strict attention to accuracy is very essential in Surveyors, as no buildings can be erected on a line with the Street but under their direction, and many public improvements depend much on their skill and accuracy, and if any mistakes are made they are not held responsible, but the loss falls on the employer, it is therefore of great consequence to the public, that [9] men of competent ability, integrity, and attention to the business should be appointed, on whom the greatest reliance can be placed.

As several errors of a serious nature were attributed to Mr. Loss while he was in that Office, The Street Commissioner would suggest the propriety of the appointment being made under the impression that a greater attention to accuracy will be expected.

Respectfully Submitted
(signed) John McComb
St. Commr

Which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Willet Street near Rivington Street which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, James Barrow and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Ordinance for building a Bulkhead and compleating West Street, between Courtlandt and Duane Street, which was passed.

The Attorney reported, that a complaint had been made to him against Mr Daniels Auctioneer, [10] for selling Articles in Vesey Street, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Counsel presented a Lease to William Cutting for the Slip and adjoining premises at Brooklyn, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed Vizt

No 1	C. Stamler, Lessee & Occupant,	Elizabeth St,		a Lot
2	S. Jackson, Owner,	South St,		do
3	The Estate of Cromeline, Ludlow Dashford, Agent,	South St,		do
4	Messrs James & Pittman, Owners,	Eldridge St,		do
5	J. McDougal Lawrence, Owner,	Elm St,		do
6	C. Cox, M. Beekman, or J. Beekman, Owners,	Mercer St,		do
7	Peter Wilts, Owner,	2d Avenue,		do
8	H. Weed, Agent to the Estate of C. Weed Deceased.	2d Avenue,		do
9	J. R. Livingston, Owner,	Columbia St		do
10	M. Bruen, Owner, Mrs. Allien, Occupant,	191	Pearl St	a privy
11	J. Taylor, Owner & Occupant,	185	Pearl St	do
12.	[11] C. Miller, Owner, Starr & Smith, Occupants,	175	Pearl St,	Do
13.	Isaac Collins & Co. Owners & Occupts	189	Pearl St,	Do
14.	L. Fisher, Lessee, J. Nicholson, Occupant,	58	Wall St,	Do
15.	The Estate of D. Tooker, J. C. Hillton, Occupant,	23	Jay St,	Do
16.	William Sickles Lessee & Occupant.	20	Chapel St,	Do

17.	Davidson, Js Swords, R. Slack,	Owner, Agent, Occupant,	22 Chapel St	a privy
18.	A. Polhemus, J. Osburn,	Owner, Occupant,	3 Jacob St	Do

(signed) George Cuming.
City Inspector

The Comptroller presented the following; "The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board for their approbation, a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot in the 2d Ward, granted to Wynant Van Zandt on the 1st August 1737. Also another Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot in the 2d Ward, granted to Wyant Van Zandt on the 30th May 1786. The Indentures are to Wynant Van Zandt Junr, were Commuted by him on the 24th April 1812. and are approved by the [12] Counsel of the Board.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

A Report was received from the Commissioners of the Alms House recommending Doctor John E. Westervelt as a suitable person to fill the office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms-House and Penitentiary; whereupon it was resolved that he be appointed to the said Office, and he was appointed accordingly.

The following Report was received from the Superintendant of the Alms House, which was directed to be printed for the use of the Members, "Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary of the City of New York—Shewing the number of Paupers who have been admitted into the Alms House, from the 1st day of April 1819. (including those at that time in the House) to the 1st day of April 1820. and the number discharged, and who died in the House, during the same period; Also, the number of Paupers now in the House, designating their Sex and places of birth; the Prisoners and Vagrants in [13] the City Prison, Bridewell and Penitentiary; the Maniacs in the City Assylum; also an Account of Money &c. distributed amongst the Out-Door Poor by the Commissioners during the time aforesaid.

Paupers in, and Admitted in the Alms House, from the 1st day of April 1819. to the 1st day of April 1820.....	3731
Ditto Discharged 1553, Died 293, Total Discharged and Died.....	1846
Remaining in the House April 1st 1820.....	1885

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total.	City of New York	State of New York	United States	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	West Indies	Africa.	Total.
514	558	475	338	1885.	958	119	163	104	43	409	64	14	8	3	1885

Number of Vagrants in the City Prison and Bridewell on the 1st day of April 1820—

Men	71	
Women	34	
		Total 105

Number of. Prisoners and Vagrants confined. in the Penitentiary on the 1st day of April 1820.

Men	266	
Women	125	
		Total 391

[14] Number of Maniacs in the City Assylum at the expence of the Alms House, Vizt

Men	5	
Women	10	
		Total 15

Cash Distributed to the Out-door Poor from the 1st day of April 1819. to the 1st day of April 1820	$5550.22	
Distributed 1503 Loads of Wood, Carting and Piling	3478.67	
Do 3260 Bushels of Potatoes @ 3/ and Carting 53^{38}/_{100}$	1275.88	Dolls. 10,304.77
Hospital Accounts for Supporting Maniacs during the last twelve Months		1,991.99

New York 1st April 1820.

(Signed) Richard Furman
Superintendant.

[15] The Finance Committee on the Petition of James Wallace, Reported as follows;

"The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of J. Wallace, soliciting an advance of Ten or Fifteen Thousand Dollars on his Contract for building the Sewer in Clarkson and Carmine Street and the Sixth Avenue,

Report; That the Petitioner contracted to build said Sewer agreeably to a printed description of the same, issued for the guide of the Contractors, and among other particulars containing the following condition.

"The Corporation to pay for the work as the money is collected on the Assessment which is to be laid for that purpose."

That the written Contract entered into with the Petitioner is founded on the foregoing condition; and the Committee are informed that verbal explanations were made by the Street Commissioner to the Estimators of the said work, to the same effect; and they distinctly recollect, that the understanding of the Board was, in authorizing the Contract, that it should be taken on the same conditions as those for paving and regulating Streets, the [16] payment for which is uniformly made from the money collected in the Assessment.

Your Committee cannot perceive therefore, by what authority the Petitioner construes the "contract to be such, that the payment to him for said work was to be made from time to time in proportion as the work progressed" whether "collected on the Assessment to be laid for the purpose" or not.

The Committee are of opinion however, that every facility within the power of the Corporation, ought to be given to the collection of the Assessment for building said Sewer, and they recommend the following Resolutions accordingly.

Resolved, that the Commissioners appointed to lay the Assessment for building the Sewer in Clarkson and Carmine Streets and the Sixth Avenue, be requested to report the same to the Board for confirmation with all convenient speed.

Resolved, that the Collector, who shall be appointed for the purpose, be directed to press the collection of said Assessments with all due diligence.

Resolved, that an Interest of 7 Per Cent [17] be charged on all sums which shall remain unpaid on said Assessment 60 days after the said Assessment shall be confirmed; and that such interest, when collected, be paid to the Contractor, in addition to the sum or sums specified in his contract.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan

Which was confirmed and the Resolutions adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of the Heirs of Daniel Smith Deceased Reported as follows:

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Heirs of Daniel Smith Deceased, praying for the return of a portion

of the money paid by them as expences incurred on a Lot of ground sold for arrears of Taxes, and not disbursed by the Corporation:

Report, That the lot alluded to, was sold at a late sale of property for arrears of [18] taxes including expences. That the Collector in making up such expenses, not only includes those actually incurred, but those that will be incurred in the event of the non-redemption of the property at the expiration of the two years allowed by Law. That the Law directs a second advertizing previous to the expiration of said term, and the delivery of a lease to the purchaser of such property as shall not be redeemed agreeably to such advertizing. That the expense of such advertizing and lease is estimated at Eight Dollars, but the Street Commissioner having received the whole amount from the purchaser of the Lot alluded to, and paid the same into the Treasury, he was unable to return the amount prayed for by the Petitioner even if authorised to make such return. The Committee, conceiving it to be just, that the money so paid should be reimbursed, are of opinion, that in all cases where property is sold for Assessments, or arrears of Taxes, the sums charged for eventual disbursments ought to be returned to the owner of the property, on his paying the actual expenses incurred with the Interest allowed by Law; and that the Street Commissioner should be [19] authorised accordingly; and they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that a warrant be issued in favor of the Heirs of Daniel Smith Deceased for Eight Dollars, being the amount charged for eventual expenses on a Lot of ground sold for arrears of Taxes, and not disbursed by the Corporation.

Resolved, that whenever any property sold for Assessments, or arrears of Taxes, shall be redeemed by the owner thereof within the legal term, the Street Commissioner be authorised to return to such owner, or his agent, the sums paid for the second advertising and drawing the Lease of the same, provided, such expense shall not be incurred.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom had been referred the Report of the City Inspector, re- [20] specting a Lot corner of Bowling-

Green and State Street owned by Mrs. Dale, Reported: That the memorandum of the City Inspector be adopted and that the proper officer be directed to carry the same into effect; which was approved, and it was Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to enclose the said Lot within fence, the expenses to remain a lien on the said Lot.

The same Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of Elizabeth Downey, reported as their opinion, that the prayer of the Petition be not granted; which was approved.

The same Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Washington Market and others, Reported as follows.

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Washington Market, and several other Petitions on the same subject, praying for an extension of the priviledge of using the platforms and sidewalks in front of their premises, for exposing their Goods, Wares and Merchandize for sale;

Report, That they sincerely regret the incon- [21] veniences which many of your Petitioners sustain under the present regulation, but that as a wholesome measure of Police, they cannot recommend a modification or repeal of the Ordinance on that subject.

(Signed) Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittan
Isaac Emmons

Which was approved.

The same Committee to whom had been referred the Communication of the Counsel stating that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening and extending Harman Street, had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, that no part of the Expense had been Assessed on the Corporation;

Reported as follows,

The Street Committee to whom the above was referred, recommend the appointment of a Collector to collect the Assessments, and the extending and widening of the said Street. The Buildings to be removed on or before the first day of August next.

(Signed.) Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker
Rob. Swartwout Chairman
Asa Mann

[22] Whereupon Resolved, that the Houses be removed agreeably

to the Report of the Committee, that Public Notice be given of such order for removal, and that Morris De Camp be Collector of said Assessment.

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Byrne;

Report, That in their opinion the prayer thereof should be granted, provided, the goods so exposed for sale be placed at least forty feet from the Curb Stone of the Street; for which purpose they offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that Charles Byrne and other Auctioneers now residing in Chatham Square be permitted to sell at Public Auction in the said square, second-hand furniture, and such other articles as are allowed by Law to be exposed for sale in Vesey Street, provided, the goods be placed forty feet from the Curb-Stone of the Street.

While on the subject of Auctioneers, they recommend to the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, that no Auctioneer or person by him employed, be permitted hereafter to sell [23] at Public Sale, any peice goods, hardware, or other articles prohibited at out-door sales, unless to persons bidders, who at the time of such bidding, shall be within his Store or premises.

Rob. Swartwout Chairman
Asa Mann
(Signed) S. P. Brittan
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

The Question being taken on the first Resolution it was agreed to. The Question being taken on the second Resolution, and the Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Hammond it was carried in the Affirmative, all the Members present voting in the Affirmative excepting Mr Hammond, who voted in the Negative. The Question was then taken on the several Resolutions and they were adopted.

The Counsel was directed to Report an Ordinance agreeably to the second Resolution.

At the request of Alderman Anthony he was discharged from acting as Chairman of the Committee of Assessments, and Mr Town was appointed in his place.

[24] A Resolution directing that from and after the ———— day of ——— no Hog be permitted to run at large in the City South of ———— Street was presented by Mr Bolton, and was referred to the Police Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 15 Inst	$3.92	
Received for Excise	4,306.00	
" " Justices Courts Costs &c 4th & 6th, 5th & 8th, 7th & 10th Wards	553.13	
" " Building Sewer in Canal St	200.00	
		5,063.05

20 Accounts Audited.

John J. Astor, 6 Months Rent of ground in Spring Street for Watch House 1st May	15.00	
William S. Smith, Collector City Revenue 1 Qrs Salary 22d Instant and Expenses	190.00	
Thomas Franklin, Cheif Engineer 1 Qrs Salary 18th Instant	132.31	
B. Skaats, Keeper City Hall 1 Qrs Salary 24th Instant	100.00	
B. Skaats, Expenses for Corporation 1 Quarter 24th Instant	208.85	
[25] George Bowen, Coach hire to Bellevue 8th Instant	24.00	
Frazier Harris, aiding in issuing Tavern Licenses 17 days	25.50	
Matthew Crosby, 25 Casks Oil	967.05	
Alexander Youngs, Room for Justices Court 4th & 6th Wards to 1st Inst	50.00	
George Duryea, Room for Do 7 & 10 Wards 1 Qr 1st Instant	25.00	
Haviland Weeks, Acct building Sewer in Collect Street	200.00	
R. Strong and Associates, Assessing the opening of Gold Street	286.50	
H. Smith, Acct regulating & paving Elm Street from White to Hester	600.00	
Daniel Ewen, Surveying & Maps &c. September 1819. to May 1820	294.21	
R. Strong & Associates, for Assessing the regulating Canal Street	164.47	
J. McComb, St Commissioner to pay State Printer Advertising redemption of Lots sold for Assessments	13.12	
John Anderson, Acct building Pier foot of Vesey Street	560.00	
Thomas S. Townsend, Interest on Bond 1 Year to 10th Instant	112.92	
[26] Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs, for Repairs Dock & Slips	162.00	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs, for Repairs	838.00	
		4,968.93
Balance		$94.12

Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 oClock.

In Common Council May 29th 1820.

Present The Honbl Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor Presidt

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephan P. Brittan
	Isaac Emmons
	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

[27] The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated, that agreeably to the 35th Section of the Health Law passed at the late Session of the Legislature on the 14th day of April last powers and authority were given to the Corporation to appoint Officers termed Health Wardens; Whereupon the subject was referred to a special Committee consisting of,

Alderman Swartwout,	Mr Brittan
Alderman Tooker,	Mr Town
	Mr Hammond

A Petition of John Whaley for remission of fine for firing a Cracker in the Street, was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A Petition from Silas Holmes for relief from penalty respecting an Alien Passenger brought by him from New Orleans, but who had been bonded for in September last on his arrival from Falmouth, was referred to the same Committee with like powers.

A Letter was received from Edward [28] Vermylyea resigning his Office of keeper of the Public Pound at Harleam, which was read and his Resignation accepted.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants representing that South Street from Peck Slip to Crane Wharf was in a state of Nuisance, was read and laid on the table till the coming in of the Report of the Committee, to whom that same subject is referred.

A Petition of Jacob Warner praying some pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that St Johns Lane may be paved, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Hudson Street near Watts Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Lebau Gardner was received [29] stating, that in September last the Ship Nimrod Cap[t] Fisher arrived in the Port of New-York from the province of New Brunswick having Alien passengers on board destined for Hudson. That the Nimrod was entered at the Custom House and the further prosecution of the Voyage abandoned; that the Malignant Fever then prevailing the Captain was unable to procure the requisite sureties for landing said Passengers that said Passengers left the Vessel and proceeded to their place of destination, that said Fisher was prosecuted for not giving Bonds and the Petitioner became his Bail in the suit; that the Petitioner is willing to enter into Bonds for said Passengers, and pray the same be accepted and the suit discharged: whereupon, the same was referred to the Police Committee.

An Invitation was received from M[r] John Scudder Proprietor the New York Museum to the Members to visit the Museum, and enclosing to them a Ticket of Admission for the present year for themselves and their families, and requesting their attendance particularly on Wednesday evening next; whereupon Resolved, that [30] the Invitation of M[r] Scudder be accepted.

A Petition of William Sandford to be permitted to make an Area at his house in Washington Street; and also that one of his Houses directed to be removed for opening Washington Street, may be permitted to remain for some time longer, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Tooker was received stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of two Lots of ground in Duane Street for Twenty one Years from 1[st] May 1818. that he has divided said Lots into three premises as per sketch exhibited, and he requests permission to surrender his Lease and take out three new Leases in favor of the Rev[d] Edward Mitchell, George Bruce and for himself S. Tooker;

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Philetus H. Woodruff to be permitted to remove a Frame House through the Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5[th] Ward and Street Commissioner [31] with authority to grant the Petition.

A similar Petition from Richard Bell to remove a building from Harman Street to Orange Street was granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition on behalf of sundry Inhabitants in Sullivan and Desbrosses Street by William Honey on the subject of paving and

regulating those Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the Sewer of Collect Street may be extended from Pump to Leonard Street was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition that Fire Engine House N° 22 at Market Slip may be removed, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Bailey for an advance to him of one Thousand Dollars on his Contract for filling in North Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from James Hays to be permitted [32] to construct a Brick Cistern in the Street at N° 25 Old Slip was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies. Viz[t]

Fire Engine Company

N° 9

Henry Van Nest, House Carpenter, 172 Hester S[t], 6[th] Ward vice John Matthews, Resigned.

N° 11

John Pentz, Accountant, 24 Old Slip, 1[st] Ward vice John Drake, Resigned.

N° 12

William F. Hopson, Accountant, 24 Vandewater S[t], 4[th] W[d] vice George B. Smith, Resigned.

N° 20

Samuel Rudolph, Shipwright, 50 Stone S[t], 1[st] Ward vice Garrit Hyer, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented a Re- [33] port stating that on widening Gold Street a peice of ground remained of about 24 by 28 feet, which is not required for improving and which has been assessed to the Corporation at $1044 $^{23}/_{100}$ and recommending that the same be sold: Whereupon, it was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented a corrected Assessment for building the Minetto Sewer, which was directed to lay on the table; and he was directed to give notice to parties interested, that they might make objections thereto, if any they had.

The Attorney reported the following Complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. Viz[t]

Against John Whaley for firing Squibs and Crackers in the Streets,

Against Messrs Dobbs & Furman for depositing Manure at Albany Basin,

Against George Robinson for leaving his Cart on the side-walk,

Against Dobbs & Furman on Complaint of Henry Barclay for not removing dirt between Broad and Moore Street. He also stated [34] that a Recovery had been had against Patrick Fitzpatrick of penalty of One hundred Dollars for not removing a nuisance in a yard in William Street.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed Vizt

No 1	J. Vanderbeck	Agent,	Canal St	a Lot
2	Wm Ross	Owner,	Do	Do
3	J. Lawrence & E. Anderson	Owners,	Do	Do
4	J. F. Delaplaine,	Owner,	Do	Do
5	G. Lorrillard,	Do	Do	Do
6	M. Field, H. W. Field,	Do Agent,	Anthony St	Do
7	J. V. B. Varick, Wm Jaques & Sons,	Do Occupants,	19 Water St	Do
8	T. Duffy,	Lessee,	Orange St	Do
9	Wm Lawrence,	Owner or Agent,	Do	Do
10	J. Mowatt Junr,	Owner,	Do	Do
11	P. Schermerhorn,	Do,	Do	Do
12	M. L. Davis,	Do,	Little Water St	Do
13	P. A. Jay Esqr,	Do,	Elm St	Do
14	A. Kerr,	Do,	Hester St	Do
15	H. Ownes	Owner & Occupant,	Stanton & Allen St	Do
16.	[35] P. Burns, R. Frazer,	Owner, Occupant,	86 Front St	Do
17.	A. Ming,	Owner & Occupant,	84 Do,	Do
18.	A. Teneyck, P. Berry,	Owner, Occupant,	67 Do,	Do
19.	G. Copeland,	Owner & Occupant,	77 Water St	a Privy
20.	S. S. Garlow,	Lessee & Occupant,	67 Do	Do

(Signed) George Cumings
City Inspector

The Counsel presented the following, Vizt

"The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution the draught of a grant to John Patten of a Water Lot between Dover and Roosevelt Streets, and Front and South Streets.

Also the Draught of a grant to Niobe Minturn of a Water Lot adjoining the above mentioned Lot. These grants have been drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board.

The Counsel also submits for execution an agreement with David Gardiner relative to so much of the property of James W. Dominick as will remain after straightening Oliver Street. The stipulations contained in this agreement are similar to those contained in the agreement with the Congregation Sheareth Israel, which was [36] entered into previous to the extending of Oliver Street, the object of this agreement is to diminish the expense of straightening that Street.

The Counsel also submits for execution agreements with Colonel Henry Rutgers and Robert Dodge relative to so much of Oliver Street as it is contemplated to close in front of their property. These agreements are similar to those entered into by them previous to the closing of Fayette Street.

Messrs Rutgers, Dodge and Gardiner have executed the counter part of their agreements.

Whereupon the said several instruments were directed to be executed.

He also. presented "a Law to amend the Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York," which was passed.

The Street Committee on the Petition of Noah Brown and others respecting the present regulation of North Street, presented a Report, which was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The same Committee on the Remonstrance [37] against extending Hester Street to Green Street Reported in the following words:

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance of John Mahony and others owners of property in the neighborhood of Canal and Hester Streets against the extension of Hester Street to Green Street:

Report, That they have examined the property lying between Mercer and Green Streets, and are of opinion that the extension of Hester to Green Street would be productive of serious injury to the proprietors, and of no public utility. Therefore Resolved, that Hester Street be extended to Mercer Street and no further.

Rob. Swartwout
Asa Mann
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition that Hester Street lying west of Rhynder Street may be called by some other name, Reported in [38] favor of the Petition; And it was Resolved, that it be named Howard Street.

The same Committee on the several representations respecting the state of the grounds between Peck Slip and Fulton Street, Reported in the following words:

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Board and the communication of P. G. Hart and others, relative to the Nuisance existing between Fulton and Peck Slips South of Front Street,

Report, that they have examined the premises and find that many of the Lots require to be raised and fenced in, and that the lower end of the Street on Crane Wharf ought to be paved.

Therefore Resolved, That so much of the grounds on Crane Wharf and South Street, between Peck Slip and Fulton Street as in the opinion of the Street Commissioner shall require it, be raised so to carry off the water into the river, and that the Lots be fenced in; that the proprietors of the adjacent Lots be Ordinanced to fill up such of them as are sunken and to fence in such as are open, and that [39] the Street at the lower end of Crane Wharf be paved agreeably to the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Rob. Swartwout Chairman
(Signed) S. P. Brittan
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner directed to Report the Ordinances agreeably thereto.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petitions of Garrit Hyer and John R. Willis, Reported in the following words,

"The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petitions of John R. Willis and Garrit Hyer, stating, that from some mistake of the former Clerk their names have not been entered on the Minutes of the Common Council, and praying that the Clerk may be authorised to give them the necessary Certificate;

Report, That your Committee have had the said Petitions under consideration, and are satisfied that the said Petitioners are entitled to the said Certificate; Your Committee beg leave further to state, from the number of applications [40] of the above description that have been presented and it is probable may occur; Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorised to give a Certificate to such Firemen as may apply and produce sufficient testimony that they the said Firemen have served the time required by Law.

(Signed) John P. Anthony
Harm^{s} Tallman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Caleb Conklin for Stall N^{o} 16 Catherine Market, Reported and beg leave to offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Harmanus Tallman
(Signed) Sam^{l} Tooker
Chas. Town

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William King complaining [41] of an under Assessment of personal Tax on him in the Eighth Ward;

Report, That they have examined into the circumstances of the Petitioners case, (which is also certified by his oath) and they are satisfied that he is entitled to relief, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution: Resolved, that the Collector of the Eighth Ward be instructed to receive from William King the sum of Four Dollars, in full of the Personal Tax assessed on him in the Year 1819. and return the same in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Charles Town Ch^{r}
Rob. Swartwout
(Signed) Tho^{s} S. Townsend
Tho. Bolton
John P. Anthony

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Wilkes Reported in the following words:

"The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Memorial of Charles Wilkes, stating, that he has been Assessed for personal Tax [42] in the First and Ninth Wards, that he resides in the First Ward, and has paid the Tax for the Year 1819.

Report, That they have considered the same and are of opinion that he is entitled to relief, for which purpose, they respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller instruct the Collector of the Ninth Ward, (on being shown the receipt given to Charles Wilkes for the personal Tax for the Year 1819. paid in the First Ward) to decline collecting the personal Tax assessed on him in the Ninth Ward in the same Year, noting in the margin of his Tax Book the reason therefor.

(Signed) Chas Town Chr
Rob. Swartwout
Thos S. Townsend
Tho. Bolton
John P. Anthony

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Road Committee on the Petition of the Proprietors of Land adjoining the Tenth Avenue presented a Report which was read, and the consideration postponed.

[43] The Committee on Public Lands and Places on the Petition of Sophia Usher Reported:

That the Petitioner prays leave to erect a small building on the west edge of the Park, opposite this Hall for the purpose of vending Soda water, she represents that her late husband was the first person who introduced the use of Soda water in this City or in the United States; that she is a widow with four small Children to support, and is without property. She further says, she is willing to pay a reasonable ground rent if required.

Your Committee are however of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted, in as much as the proposed Building would be an improper incumbrance, and particularly so when the Iron fence is completed on that side of the Park. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Mrs. Usher have leave to withdraw her Petition.

(Signed) Isaac Emmons
Gerard De Peyster
Saml Tooker
Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[44] The same Committee on the Petition of Thomas Patrick, Reported:

That said Patrick asks leave to exhibit Fire Works on the fourth of July next in the Park, for the amusement of the public, and also for the benefit of some Charitable Institution.

The Committee beleive that the advantages to be obtained by such an exhibition will not be an equivalent for the damage likely to be done to the fences and public grounds. They are therefore of opinion, that the proposal ought not to be accepted.

Saml Tooker
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Inhabitants residing near Potters Field, complaining of the interments at that place which was presented on 6th September last, presented a Report, recommending a reference of the subject to the Board of Health. Whereupon, it was Ordered, that the same be handed to the Board of Health when the same shall be organized.

[45] Alderman Tooker presented the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of five persons be appointed for the purpose of opening a correspondence with the Secretary at War, or other proper Officer of Government at Washington with the view of ascertaining on what terms a relinquishment of the ground and Fort called the West Battery may be obtained for the public use of this City; which was referred to, Alderman Tooker, Alderman Thorp, Alderman Swartwout, Mr Parker & Mr Bolton.

Mr Emmons presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner to enforce the Law respecting sweeping the Streets, which was directed to be referred together with a consideration of the whole subject to the Street Committee.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received from Commodore Evans an invitation for the Members of the Board to assemble at his House at the Navy Yard on Long Island tomorrow at ½ past 10 °Clock and to view from thence the launching of the Line of Battle Ship lately built by the United States at that place.

[46] He also added, that in behalf of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, he had the pleasure to offer to them for their conveyance across the River, the use of the Steam Boat Connecticut, which would start precisely at 10 °Clock; Whereupon it was Resolved, That the Board accept the said Invitations.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 22d Inst	$94.12	
Rec'd for Tax 1st, 2d, 4th, 7th Wards	13,500.00	
		13,594.12

28 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st District	981.75	
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2d Do	645.75	
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3d Do	393.75	
Ogden Edwards, Counsellor 1 Qrs Salary 27th Instant	100.00	
Heirs of Daniel Smith, Expenses on a Lot of ground sold for Arrears of Tax, and not disbursed by the Corporation	8.00	
Amos Corning, Sundry Surveys, Maps and profiles	1,237.17	
P. Debaum, Acct regulating Bleecker and Herring Street from McDougal to Carmine	700.00	
[47] J. Bailey, Acct regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street	500.00	
H. Smith, Acct Curbing and flagging Washington Street from Carlisle to Rector	200.00	
S. Bloomfield, Acct paving Chapel Street from Canal to near Leonard	200.00	
Jas Pinkerton, paving side walk of Lot corner Bowling Green and State Streets of Mrs Dale, a Lein on the Lot	100.54	
Alexr H. Mooney, repairing sundry Intersections Streets	12.40	
H. Donocho, balance of Well Laurens Street near Bleecker St	42.90	
John Conway, 1st Instalment Well Roosevelt Street between Batavia and Cherry	20.00	
Abm Storms, Acct building Bulkhead foot of Broad Street pr Contract	596.90	
G. Snethen, Superintending and lighting Lamps 1 Month to 1st June	636.15	
G. Sickels, Keeper City Prison in full for fees to 1st May 1820	273.75	
[48] James Warner, Special Justice 1 Qrs Salary 26th Instant	189.55	
James Hopson, Do Do 1 Qrs Salary 26th Instant	189.55	
Charles Christian, Do Do 1 Qrs Salary 26th Instant	189.55	
Peter Townsend, Clerk Police 1 Qrs Salary 26th Instant	189.55	
R. Stephens, Asst Clerk Do 1 Qrs Salary 26th Instant	200.82	
Geo. B. Raymond, for Officers conveying persons to City Prison 1 Qr 26th Inst	81.87	
J. Hays, for Officers Extra Service in Police Office 1 Qr 26th Inst	53.00	
J. Hays, for Officers conveying Prisoners to Penitentiary 1 Qr 26th Inst	41.00	
H. Waterbury, work at Mud Machine 12 days to 28th Inst	86.12	
J. P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs, for repairing Pier west side Burling Slip, Corporations one half, and Corporation pier foot of Roosevelt street	624.00	
Richard Furman, Superintendant Alms House	5,000.00	
		13,494.07
Balance		$100.05

[49] The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 oClock.

In Common Council June 5th 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittan
David Board	Isaac Emmons
George B. Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas Auctioneer [50] praying to be permitted to sell goods at Auction in Wall Street as heretofore allowed; was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A letter was received from Edward McLaughlin Commissioner of Excise, stating, that several Tavern Keepers had refused to take out the Excise License from him, alledging that according to the Charter of the City, they having taken the Mayors License for retailing Exciseable Liquors by small measures to be drank in their Houses, no other License is necessary; and that the Law of 1801. directing and authorising such a License is unconstitutional. That the opposition to taking out such License is very general throughout the several Wards; that he has directed Suits to be brought against several of the delinquents, which he understands will be contested; that able Counsel have been employed by them, and as he understands a considerable sum raised to support the defence; that he submitted these facts to the Common Council for their consideration, that he might receive their advice and direction in the premises. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Counsel.

[51] A Petition of Elizabeth De Peyster remonstrating against the sum assessed upon her for the expenses of constructing the Minetto Sewer; was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Evans for Stall No 14 Washington Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William S. Ross for purchase or lease of a small gore of ground belonging to the Corporation adjoining his Lot No 133 Anthony Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Martin Wallin for remission of fine for firing a Squib in the Street, and a Petition of Patt Fitzpatrick for remission of

penalty for not complying with an Ordinance directing the filling in of a Lot, were referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit.

A Petition from John Charles for relief from an Assessment for opening Canal Street laid on a Lot formerly owned by him and taken to open Chamber Street with a Certificate of one of the [52] Special Jury that the sum awarded Mr Charles for his Lot was to extinguish all claims on either side; was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant relief.

A Petition of Thomas Pringle was received stating, that the Committee of Assessment in their Report on his Petition of the 27th March last for relief from a Tax Assessed on him, directed that the sum of $14 25/100 be remitted to Petitioner, whereas Petitioner had already paid the whole of the Tax to the Collector; He therefore prayed the Comptroller might be directed to report a Warrant in his favor for said sum; which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of James Gray praying further time for paying an Assessment laid on Lots owned by him corner of Canal and Chapple Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of Peter Young praying that the Sewer in Ferry Street may be repaired, was referred to the Street Committee.

[53] A Petition of Hallock and Farnham for permission to place building materials in the Street near Washington Market, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to comply with request of Petitioners.

A Petition of Gould and Banks offering to supply the Corporation with the Laws of the State at a discount of one third from the retail price was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition that Broome Street between Varick and Sullivan Street may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants against the present Deputy Clerk of the Fly Market (Peter Ammerman) for incompetency and neglect of duty; and a recommendation of Isaac C. Loper for an appointment to said Office, were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from J. Carrow for permission to construct a Vault in Courtlandt Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

[54] A Petition of Samuel Evans Lessee of Ferry from foot of Walnut Street, praying that in the extension of the Lease of the Ferry at Catherine Slip to Rodman Bowne, he may be restricted to running

two Horse Boats and no more on said Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Remonstrance against the Petition for regulating and paving Sullivan Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Hutchins for appointment as Deputy Clerk to Fly Market or some other appointment, was referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants objecting to the assessment for the expenses of the Sewer in Minetto Street. Also objections on the part of Thomas W. Ludlow against said Assessment were severally read and directed to be referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The following Report from the Board of Supervisors was received. And the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant agreeably thereto.

The Committee to whom was referred the Ac- [55] counts of the Sheriff, and other Officers of Justice beg leave to make the further Report.

They have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of James L. Bell, Sheriff of the City and County, for services of sundry Peace Officers, and find there is due to

Jacob Hays	$502.50	Robert Phillips	$7.50
John Sidell	400.50	James Norris	7.50
George B. Raymond	214.50	Samuel A. Smith	7.50
Abner Curtis	214.50	James G. Finn	94.50
Thomas Cornell	217.50	Philip Garniss	39.
John McMannus	108.	John W. Campbell	7.50
Francis Tillou	214.50	Peter Hogar	7.50
John Farrington	214.50	Rufus Seely	7.50
Azel Conklin	214.50	Frazier Harris	7.50
Isaac Bogert	267.	Henry Graham	7.50
Isaac Trowbridge	394.50	John Richardson	96.
Joseph Dunkley	238.50	John Striker	88.50
William Dusenbury	360.	John M. Lester	88.50
William Chevers	396.	Samuel Y. Clark	85.50
John Ackerman	396.	Hugh Spence	36.
Thomas Parker	90.	Philip Fulkerson	31.50
William Peters	36.	John D. Bird	187.50
Christian Brown	7.50		807.
	$4,486.50		4486.50
			$5,293.50

And that there is due the said Sheriff for refreshments ordered by the Mayor 140.15

Dolls. 5,433.65

[56] Making the total Amount of Five Thousand four hundred and thirty three Dollars and sixty five Cents which Amount the Committee beleive ought to be paid, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant be issued for Five Thousand four hundred and thirty three Dollars and sixty five Cents, for the payment of James L. Bell's Accounts in full for the services of Marshal's &c. up to the 13th May last.

(Signed) Saml Tooker
Stephen Allen
P. A. Jay
Geo. B. Thorp

Which Report was approved and the Resolution adopted.

(Signed) J. Morton
Secy Board of Supervisors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Provost Street, between Washington and West Street, which was confirmed and John G. Betts was appointed Collector;

Also for a Well and Pump in Roosevelt Street between Batavia and Cherry Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of [57] Richard Bell, Reported in the following words:

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Bell praying to be permitted to remove a building from Harman Street to Orange Street,

Respectfully Reports, That on 23d day of June 1817. an Ordinance was passed prohibiting the removal of any frame building, along, or across any of the Streets of this City to the Southward of Grand Street, and a line continued from the West end of Grand Street through Sullivan and Canal Street to the Hudson River, under the penalty of $250. for each offence.

But as several persons have been permitted to remove Houses on trucks or Carriages by different Committees to whom their applications have been referred. The Street Commissioner offered the like priviledge to Mr Bell which he declined accepting; as his intention was to remove it on rollers, but which the undersigned did not think himself authorised to grant, especially when *their* [there] is an Ordinance to the contrary.

There are but few cases where the removal of those old Buildings,

produce any great saving to the Owners, while on the other hand, the incumbrance, hazard, and breaking up the pavements [58] is a serious injury to the public, and subjects the Owners of property to the expense of repairing the Street through which they pass.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John M^cComb
S^t Commissioner

Which was approved and directed to be filed.

He also on the Petition for paving S^t Johns Alley Reported,

That in his opinion the statement of the petitioners is correct, and that granting their prayer will be of advantage to the adjoining property. He has therefore enclosed the Draft of an Ordinance for that purpose, if it should meet the pleasure of the Common Council.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John M^cComb
S^t Commissioner

Which was approved, and the Ordinance presented was passed.

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices, Viz^t

Against Mess^rs Tucker & Carter for rebuilding [59] a pair of Stairs higher than the Law permits,

And against Mess^rs Dobbs & Furman Street Contractors for not removing the dirt from Vandewater Street, Pump Street and from Hester Street.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed, Viz^t

N° 1	A. White,	Owner,	74 & 76 Nassau S^t	Lots
2	J. Knox,	Executor,	Grand Street,	D°
3	T. L. Ogden,	Owner,	D°	D°
4	Abijah Hammond,	D°	D°	D°
5	D°	D°	Green Street,	D°
6	D°	D°	D°	D°
7	G. H. Van Wagener,	D°	Laurens Street,	D°
8	J. Bertolf,	D°	Thompson Street,	D°
9	Mrs. Everson,	D°	D°	D°
10	A. L. Stewart,	D°	Sullivan Street,	D°
11	D°	D°	Watts Street,	D°
12	William S. Ross,	D°	Anthony Street,	D°
13	Jesse Lyon,	Occupant,	Broom Street,	D°
14	Jonathan Archer,	D°	Varick Street,	D°

15	Samuel Paxton, T. Thornton,	Owner, Occupant,	124 Fly Market,	a Privy
16.	S. Miller, A. Flynn,	Owner, Occupant,	319 Water S^{t},	D^{o}
17	B. Pike,	Lessee & Occupant,	12 Wall S^{t},	D^{o}
18.	[60] W^{m} & G. Post, J. H. Metzler,	Owner Occupant,	32 Broad S^{t},	D^{o}
19	T. Stephenson, W^{m} Van Wyck,	Owner, Occupant,	30 D^{o},	D^{o}
20.	The Trustees of S^{t} Peters,		16 Barclay S^{t},	D^{o}
21.	Jno. Beekman,	Owner,	Hester S^{t},	D^{o}
22.	E. Nowlan, D. Cornen,	Lessee, Occupant,	19 Orange S^{t},	D^{o}
23.	M. Bruen, Mrs. Allen,	Owner, Occupant,	191 Pearl S^{t},	D^{o}
24.	J. B. Coles, Jno. B. Coles & Sons,	Owner, Occupants,	1 South S^{t},	D^{o}
25.	J. Bingham, S. Tracy,	Owner, Occupant,	102 Warren S^{t},	D^{o}
26.	E. Journay, John Dennis,	Owner, Occupant,	60 Provost S^{t},	D^{o}
27.	R. Moore, S. Vandenburg,	Owner, Occupant,	3 Varick S^{t}	D^{o}

(Signed) George Cumming
City Inspector

He also presented a Report, recommending that attention should be paid to the Cellars in the City directing them to be cleansed and strewed with lime, which was referred to the Police Committee.

[61] The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies. Viz^{t}

Fire Engine Company
N^{o} 1.

Benjamin Pollock, House Carpenter, 3 Thomas S^{t} 5th W^{d} vice John Cooper Resigned.

Richard Hunt, Painter, 241 Duane Street, 5th Ward vice Isaac Porter Resigned.

N^{o} 3

Oliver L. Clark, Painter, 60 Pearl Street, 1st Ward vice Tyzack Hodges joined another Company.

N° 6

Samuel Wright, Cordwainer, Greenwich S^{t} 5th Ward vice James Sharp, Deceased.

N° 10

David Delancey, Shoemaker, 197 Bowery 10th ward. vice Samuel Graham, Deceased.

N° 33.

Adam W. Youle, Cooper, Water Street, 7th Ward, vice Jasper Miller, Resigned.

[62] John Anthony Weeks, Cooper, Water Street, 7th Ward vice Robert Whiston Resigned.

N° 36.

Isaac J. Riker, Brick Layer, Hamersly n^{r} Green S^{t} 8 W^{d} vice John Targay, Deceased.

James Douglass, White & Black Smith, cor. Spring & Sullivan S^{t} 8 W^{d} vice John B. Glashing, Resigned.

David Fentin, Cooper, Renwick near Spring S^{t} 8 W^{d} vice Isaac Marshall, joined N° 41.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Evans Esq^{r} requesting that some place in the vicinity of Walnut Slip be assigned him to run his Horse Boat to, and that the Slip be extended;

Report, That the Memorialist holds a Lease from the Corporation, for a Ferry from Walnut Street New York to Little Street Long Island, and has now in operation a Horse Boat, running to the end of the wharf at Walnut Street (tho' at a considerable risk to his Boat) finding, upon examination that the state of the Slip at the foot of [63] Walnut Street is such, that his Boat cannot be run therein in its present condition, he requests that some place in the vicinity of Walnut Slip be assigned him, to run his Boat to for the present, by consent of the Owners of the property, and that the Slip at the foot of Walnut Street be extended so as to afford a safe entrance and harbor for a Horse Boat, and stating that for any expense chargeable to the Corporation in the performance of this request, he will be responsible, on condition that they will refund him the same, on taking possession of the property.

Your Committee having duly considered this subject, recommend that permission be granted the Memorialist, to run his Horse Boat to any place within 350 feet to the Eastward of Walnut Slip, provided he obtain the consent of the Owners of the property, and provided

also, that it shall not be attended with any expense to the Corporation.

Your Committee however, are of opinion that the request of the Memorialist, that the Slip at the foot of Walnut Slip be extended, ought not to be granted, for the following reasons.

An extension of the Slip would be attended with a very considerable expense; an expense by no [64] means Compensated by the very low terms, on which the Memorialist obtained the grant of the lease, Viz^{t} Seven years free from Rent, and the last Eight years at only $100. per annum; and the Committee are further of opinion, that the obstruction in Walnut Slip is occasioned by a Deposit of Mud, which may be removed at a small expense by the Machine used for that purpose, so as to answer sufficiently well for the accommodation of a Horse-boat.

The Committee therefore propose the following Resolutions, Resolved, that permission be granted the Memorialist to run his Horse Boat for the present to any place within 350 feet to the Eastward of Walnut Slip, provided he obtain the consent of the Owners of the property, and provided, that it be attended with no expense to the Corporation.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Memorialist, for extending the Slip at the foot of Walnut Street.

Respectfully Submitted

Tho^{s} S. Townsend
(Signed.) John P. Anthony
Asa Mann

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred [65] the Report of the Counsel respecting a lease to Rodman Bowne for the Ferry at Catherine Slip to Brooklyn,

Reported, That on the 5th day of January 1818. a Committee of this Board reported in favor of extending Rodman Bowne's lease of the Ferry above mentioned to the time at which the Lease of the Ferry from Beekman's Slip to Brooklyn will expire on condition that he would put on said Ferry another good and sufficient Horse Boat to be propelled by not less than Eight horses to be approved of by the Corporation on or before the expiration of one Year, and pay to the Corporation for the first six years of the said term the sum of Eighteen hundred Dollars, and for the last seven years the sum of Two Thousand Dollars per Annum.

That the time limited for putting the Boat upon said Ferry was subsequently extended one year, that within the time so appointed Mr Bowne did put an additional Team Boat on said Ferry which is propelled by Eight horses and which is approved of by your Committee; Your Committee is therefore of opinion that Mr Bowne is entitled to an extension of his Lease for the period above mentioned. Mr Bowne's Lease [66] expires on the first of May 1827. The Lease of the Ferry from Beekman Slip to Brooklyn expires on the first day of May 1839. twelve years after Mr Bowne's Lease. The report of the Committee above mentioned, provides that he shall pay $1800. for the first six years of the term during which his Lease is to be extended, and $2000. for the last seven years, making a period of thirteen years. This error renders it necessary that a new apportionment should be made of the rent: and the Committee are of opinion that he ought to pay $1800. Dollars for the first five years and $2000. for the last seven years of the term.

Your Committee further report that in the Lease which Mr Bowne now holds, there is a proviso, that it shall be lawful for the Corporation during the continuance of his Lease to establish a Ferry across the East River from the foot of Walnut Street or its vicinity to the Wallabout. That a Lease for a Ferry has been granted to Commodore Evans from the foot of Walnut Street to the foot of Little Street; as it is questioned whether Little Street is not to the westward of the Wallabout, and as it is desirable to prevent any litigation upon this [67] subject, the Committee recommend that the Lease to Mr Bowne should contain a proviso, that it shall be lawful for the Corporation to establish a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street or from any point to the Westward of it not exceeding One hundred feet, or from any point to the Eastward of it to the Wallabout, and to any point to the Westward of the Wallabout not exceeding one hundred feet to the Westward of Little Street.

The present Lease to Mr Bowne contains a Covenant that the Team Boats and all other Boats and furniture of what description soever as shall be actually employed on said Ferry at the expiration of the term, shall be valued by two appraisors, one to be chosen by the Corporation and the other by Mr Bowne, and if the appraisors cannot agree, that then a third person shall be chosen by them (each naming one, and the choice to be by lot) and that the Corporation shall pay such sum for the Boats &c. as the appraisors or the umpire may award. This Covenant the Committee are of opinion is a very unsafe one, and they recommend that in lieu of it, there be inserted a Covenant

that the umpire shall be agreed upon by the appraisors [68] and before they proceed to value the property.

The Committee are also of opinion that it is expedient that the present lease be surrendered and that a New Lease be granted from the present time to the 1st May 1839.

The Committee are also of opinion that Mr Bowne should be required to keep two Team Boats to be propelled by not less than Eight Horses each, but that it is unnecessary to require Mr Bowne to keep more than three barges on the Ferry, the frames and bridges used at the Ferry on each side of the River should be kept in repair at his expence; but that the chain on the Easterly side of the Ferry at the foot of Catherine Street, should be kept in repair at the expence of the Corporation.

Mr Bowne has been consulted by the Committee, and has signified to them his approbation of the recommendations contained in this report.

The Committee also report that an arrangement has been made with Mr Bowne relative to the erection of a pier for the accommodation of his Ferry at Brooklyn, by which Mr Bowne stipulated to convey to the Corporation the end and Slip side of it, and also the Slip side [69] of a Pier previously erected by him, reserving to himself the use of the same for the accommodation of his Ferry during the continuance of his Lease, and that that pier had been accordingly made, but that the end and Slip side of it had not yet been ceded to the Corporation in pursuance of his agreement. Mr Bowne however is ready to make the cession;

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that upon Rodman Bowne's ceding to the Corporation, the end and Slip side of the before mentioned pier in conformity to his agreement, and also surrendering the Lease he now holds for the Ferry from Catherine Slip to Brooklyn, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a New Lease in conformity to the tenor of this Report.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Thos S. Townsend
Asa Mann
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was refer- [70] red the subject of appointing Health Wardens under the Act of the 14th April last to

provide against Infectious and Pestilential Diseases Reported, That they have had the subject under consideration, and believe that the health of the City will greatly depend upon the appointment of a sufficient number of vigilant Citizens clothed with ample powers to execute the duties of Health Wardens, as contemplated by that Act; that great public utility would result from an immediate organization of Health Wardens to be placed under the direction and controul of the Board of Health; that your Committee have been informed and believe that the Fire Wardens of the City, in addition to their present duties, would most cheerfully undertake to discharge those of Health Wardens also, many of them having already volunteered their services,

Wherefore Resolved, That it is expedient to appoint Health Wardens.

Resolved, That the Fire Wardens of this City be clothed with authority to discharge the duties of Health Wardens under the Act of the 14th April last, and that they be placed for that purpose, under the direction and controul of the Board of Health.

[71] Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board, be directed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the above resolutions.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
(Signed) Sam^l Tooker
Cha^s Town
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution instructing the Street Commissioner to enforce the Law respecting the sweeping of the Streets,

Reported, That they have had the subject under consideration and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner and the Deputy Street Inspectors be directed to enforce the Ordinances of the Common Council with regard to cleaning and sweeping the Streets, and that those Officers be held responsible for the faithful discharge of that duty.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan

[72] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition that Canal Street might be paved Reported as follows,

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Lorrillard and others, Owners of property on Canal Street, praying that the Curb Stones and pavements may be laid, and the side walk regulated on the Northerly and Southerly side of Canal Street between Chapel Street and Broadway,

Report, that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted. Therefore

Resolved, That the side walk be regulated and the Curb Stones and pavement be laid, on the Northerly and Southerly side of Canal Street between Chapel Street and Broadway, under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Rob. Swartwout Ch^{n}
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[73] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Dubois complaining that he is Assessed $131. Dollars for a Pump in First Street, which he considers excessive, and prays that the Assessment may be referred back for reduction and a more equal Assessment,

Report, That on an examination of the case, they are of opinion that he is entitled to relief, for which purpose the following Resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the Assessment for a Pump in First Street, be referred back to the Assessors for a more equal Assessment.

Cha^{s} Town Ch^{n}
John P. Anthony
(Signed) Tho^{s} S. Townsend
Rob. Swartwout
Tho. Bolton

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of James Swords Attorney for James Davidson, complaining that an error had occurred in the Assessment for Taxes for the year 1819. on his undivided property N^{o} 411 Greenwich Street, that it has been for some years past valued by the Assessors at Eight Thou- [74] sand Dollars, and that he had recently discovered from the Assessment Books, that, that part of the same property fronting on Vestry Street, had been the subject of another Assessment, valued at $800. and prays to be releived from paying Tax on the sum last mentioned:

Report, that they have examined in the circumstances of the petitioners case, and are fully satisfied that he is entitled to relief, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 5th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on ground in Vestry Street, appertaining to a Lot in Greenwich Street belonging to James Davidson valued Eight hundred Dollars.

(Signed) Chas Town Chn
John P. Anthony
Thos S. Townsend
Thos. Bolton
Rob. Swartwout

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Thomas Ludlow & Gulian Ludlow, stating, that by the Report of the Commissioners for widening Carmine Street [75] and extending the Sixth Avenue, a certain piece of ground belonging to the petitioners and the Corporation of the City of New York, was Assessed $193. and praying that the said sum may be apportioned between them and the Corporation as may be just and equitable:

Report, that they have examined carefully the case, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Collector of Assessments for widening Carmine Street and extending the Sixth Avenue be instructed to receive from Thomas Ludlow and Gulian Ludlow, One hundred and eight Dollars and fifty six Cents in full for their proportion of said Assessment.

(Signed) Chas Town Chn
John P. Anthony
Thos. Bolton
Rob. Swartwout
Thos S. Townsend

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Margaret Parsons, praying to be relieved from paying part of the Assessment on her property in Wash- [76] ington Street, laid for the purpose of widening said Street from Chamber to Warren Street:

Report, that they have given the petitioners case a careful examination, and are of opinion that she is not entitled to relief, and respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Margaret Parsons have leave to withdraw her petition.

(Signed) Chas Town Chn
John P. Anthony
Thos S. Townsend
Tho. Bolton
Rob. Swartwout

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The following Report on the subject of Tavern Licenses issued this year, was presented by the Mayor and was directed to be filed, Vizt

"Report of Tavern Licenses issued in the different Wards in the City of New York by his Honor the Mayor, together with petitions on file not yet answered, petitions on complaint and Licenses refused for the year 1820. to the 5th June inclusive.

Recognized, granted, and delivered, for the [77] Wards, as follows.

	Delivered	not delivered.	Total.
1st Ward	174	5	179
2d Do	108	0	108
3d Do	145	4	149
4th Do	192	5	197
5th Do	118	2	120
6th Do	201	4	205
7th Do	199	0	199
8th Do	158	10	168
9th Do	87	2	89
10th Do	177	5	182
	1559	37	1596

Petitions on file unanswered	7
Do refused for Banker St	11
Do Do for Walnut St	11
Licenses for renewals on Complaint for consideration	13
	42

Making a grand Total of Fifteen hundred & ninety six Licenses granted, of which number Thirty seven have not been delivered or Recognized but granted: the whole number of Licenses last year appears to be Fourteen hundred and thirty six; the petitions for new

Licenses this year on file which have been granted are Five hundred and eight, in the different wards as follows, [78] which are included in the statement preceding.

1st Ward	.....	43			
2d Do	.....	36			
3d Do	.....	48			
4th Do	.....	78			
5th Do	.....	42			
6th Do	.....	77			
7th Do	.....	48			
8th Do	.....	49	Whole number of Licenses		
9th Do	.....	25	this year		1596
10th Do	.....	62	Ditto last year.....		1436
New Licenses Total.....		508		Increase	160

All which is respectfully submitted to the Honorable Corporation at the request of the Mayor.

(Signed) Jno. Jackson Jr
Clerk

Mayors Office 5t June 1820.

The Finance Committee to whom was submitted the Lease to William Cutting for a peice of ground at Brooklyn Reported as follows:

"The Finance Committee have examined the Lease to William Cutting referred to them for that purpose, and find it to correspond with the Resolutions passed by the Board, and they therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Lease to William Cutting [79] be executed.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Saml Tooker
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward W. Laight, William Stilwell and John McKesson respecting their Account for services as Commissioners of Estimate for extending Beekman Street:

Report, that the petitioners was appointed by the Supreme Court to perform the duty above stated, and completed two successive re-

ports on the subject, both of which was set aside and the matter referred to other Commissioners.

That the Amount claimed by the petitioners for the said services, as per their Bill hereunto annexed is 906 Dollars, but the Committee conceiving some of the charges to be unusual, and not strictly authorised by the statute, have reduced the said amount to 746 Dollars, and recommend that this sum be paid the petitioners in full for the services alluded to [80] and they offer the following Resolution accordingly

Resolved, that a warrant pass in favor of the petitioners for 746 Dollars in full for duties performed by them as Commissioners to extend Beekman Street from Pearl to South Street.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
(Signed) Saml Tooker
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Report of the Street Commissioner recommending the sale of a peice of ground assessed on the Corporation for widening Gold Street:

Report, that the peice of ground alluded to is situated between Beekman and Fulton Streets and is twenty five feet wide on Gold Street by about twenty four and one half feet in depth, as per the Diagram hereunto annexed, and was Assessed on the Corporation at One Thousand and forty four Dollars and twenty three Cents.

The Committee are of opinion, that the property alluded to ought to be sold for the purpose of [81] paying the Amount Assessed on the Corporation; and that the present time, while the property in its vicinity is in the act of improving is the most favourable for making such sale; and they recommend the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to sell at public auction on the premises, the peice of ground alluded to in the foregoing Report; and that such sale be made on Wednesday the 14th Instant, and be advertised in the papers employed by this Board accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
(Signed) Saml Tooker
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of John Bailey for an advance on his contract for filling in North Street:

Report, that the situation of the property on that part of North Street contracted to be filled is such, that in all probability the [82] Assessment cannot be collected except by a sale of the Lots on which it has been laid, and the Committee having been informed, that the petitioner is a poor man, and in great distress for the want of this money, they think it will be proper to make him the advance prayed for, and therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant pass in favor of John Bailey for Five hundred Dollars on account of his Contract for filling up and regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Samuel Tooker Reported in the following words

"The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a communication from Samuel Tooker Esq[r] stating that he had divided two Lots of ground held by him under Lease from the Corporation into three; and requesting permission to surrender the [83] Lease of said Lots, and in lieu thereof that three Leases may be executed, one to each person he has designated:

Report, that they have had under consideration the subject referred to them, and cannot perceive that any injury will arise to the public Interest by complying with the request of Alderman Tooker. The Committee are rather of the opinion, that the division of the Lots will have a tendency to enhance the value of the property, and consequently, at the expiration of the present term of Lease, that the rent will be increased accordingly; they therefore recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to receive from Samuel Tooker Esq[r] a surrender of the Lease held by him for Lots N° 19 and 20 on Duane Street, and to issue in Lieu thereof three Leases agreeably to the division of said Lots as by the annexed Diagram; such Leases to be drawn in favor of the persons named, and the rent apportioned in the manner designated by the Diagram re-

ferred to; and that the terms of said Leases, be the same as that of the one surrendered.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
[84] (Signed) S. P. Brittan
J. Hammond

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

Resolutions directing that North Street be regulated so as to form a regular descent from Willet Street to the present regulation of Lewis Street and that the Assessment made for regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street, be returned to the Assessors, were read and referred to the Street Committee.

The corrected Assessment for the Minetto Sewer, which was presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration, was called up and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Report of the Road Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants residing on the 10th Avenue, praying that said Avenue may be completed from 28th Street to its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road at 70th Street, was called up and being read was as follows;

" The Road Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the proprietors of land adjoining the [85] 10th Avenue, beg leave to Report.

That in their opinion the arguments and reasons stated in that petition are just and appropriate It appears five years have elapsed since an order was issued by this Honorable Body to open said Avenue. That the Land holders have on their part conformed to the respective requisitions made by this Board, and that the Corporation has sold Land to certain individuals bounded on said Avenue, who cannot have access to the City without passing through private property. The Committee are therefore of the opinion that the prayers of the petitioners ought to be granted.

The Committee however considering the state of the Public funds, would be averse to any improvement which could have a tendency to increase the already heavy burthen of our City, but believing that this arrangement might be made by the Penitentiary men without additional expences, suggest the propriety of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Road Committee have power to cause the 10th Avenue to be worked from the 28th Street to its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road, provided, the same be done by the men belonging to the penitentiary establishment [86] it being understood that the

proprietors of Land adjoining said Avenue, shall pay one third part of the expence.

Resolved, that the same Committee be authorised to add two keepers to the present number now allowed by the Board, to be appointed in the usual way.

(Signed) Gerard De Peyster
Geo. B. Thorp
J. Hammond
David Board

On the question of agreeing to the first Resolution it was carried in the affirmative; on the question of agreeing to the second Resolution it passed in the negative.

Alderman Allen presented an amendment to the Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner directing certain duties to be performed by the Assistant Street Commissioner;

Also an amendment to the Law prescribing the duties of Comptroller, and an amendment to the Law for appointing Commissioners of the Alms House &c. which were referred to the Committee on Laws and Counsel.

[87] The Comptroller Reported,

Balance in the Treasury 29th May	$100.05	
Received for Tax of 1819. 3d, 5th, 10th Wards	5,300.	
" " Arrears of Tax	942.64	
" " Tavern Licenses	7,000.	
Canal Street regulating	100.	
		13,442.69

26 Accounts Audited.

C. D. Colden Esqr Mayor 1 Quarter Salary 2d Inst.	1375.00
John McComb Street Commissioner 1 Quarters Salary 1st Inst.	375.
George Cuming City Inspector 1 Quarter's Salary 1st Inst.	200.
Wm J. Waldron Assistant Do 1 Month 1st Inst.	47.25
Obadiah Ayres Do 1 Month 1st Inst.	47.25
George Mills Assistant Board of Health 1 Month 1st Inst.	47.25
Benjamin Hicks Do Do 1 Month 1st Inst.	47.25
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Inst.	54.25
Jonathan Pinckney Do Do 1 Month 1st Inst.	54.25
Abraham Ackerman Do Do 1 Month 1st Inst.	54.25
[88] Astin & Cochran, Messengers 1 Month 1st Instant.	54.00
Andrew McCready, Keeper of Park 1 Month 1st Instant.	34.87
William Smith, Keeper of Battery 1 Month 1st Inst.	34.88
Daniel H. Magee, Keeper Pottersfield 1 Month 1st Inst.	38.75
Abraham Brevoort, Inspector of Bread 1 Quarter 1st Inst.	75.00
Philip Becanon, Do Do 1 Quarter 1st Inst.	75.
Joseph Varick, Do Do 1 Quarter 1st Inst.	75.

Samuel Thorne, Interest on Bond 1 Year 10th May 1820...	37.59	
Robert Provoost, repairing Lamps 1 Month 1st Inst.....	72.81	
Thomas Lovett, Acct paving Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring	500.	
H. Smith, balance paving Greenwich Street from Albany to Carlisle	85.64	
H. Smith, balance paving Washington Street from Dey to Fulton	347.61	
James Meghan, Acct paving Elm Street from Grand to Broome	100.	
[89] J. Sloan, for 1000 Loads Earth in regulating Wooster Street	40.00	
Daniel Donocho, balance Well Elizabeth Street between Spring & Prince.....	54.28	
Mechanics Bank, bond 4th December 1819. payable 4th Instant	9,500.	
		13,427.18
Balance		15.51

Board adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 oClock.

In Common Council June 12th 1820.

Present. The Honbl Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor, President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John B. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittan
David Board	Isaac Emmons
[90] George B. Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Rueben Clark Captain of City Watch of 2d District was received stating that he was frequently prosecuted by individuals for acts done in the line of his duty and though the Plaintiffs in the suit were cast, yet that costs in the prosecution and defence of the suit were incurred from which he conceived he should be relieved and therefore prayed relief from the Board.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near corner of Charlton and Varick Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Jacob Blackwell for a Reappointment to the Office of City Weigher, and of Philip Arnold for some employment under the [91] Board, were referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Robert Cheeseborough to be relieved from a demand for arrears of personal Tax in the Sixth Ward for the year 1817, he having paid the same, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Sarah Lyng for compensation for supporting George Devon a Pauper was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of Lewis Lushing to be permitted to remove a frame building from Duane Street to First Street through the Streets and to employ a Truck for the purpose, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Richard Bell to remove a House from Harman to Orange Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the 6 & 7th Wards and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of George Richards was received [92] stating that he is interested in a Distillery at the corner of Broome and Green Street, that by the proposed regulation of Green Street his property will be materially injured, and praying that the regulation of the Street may be altered by crowning it in the centre of the Block between Broome and Grand Street so as to throw the water through Broome Street, which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Thomas & William H. Leggett to be permitted to construct a Vault in the Street at N° 67 Murray Street was granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Sidell First Marshall that the priviledge may be granted him of assigning places for Booths around the Park on the 4th of July next, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places, and authority was given by Resolution to said Committee to grant the request, and on such terms as they should judge adviseable.

A memorial was received from a number [93] of dealers in Domestic Spirits stating that the Law of the Corporation which prohibits a Deputy Inspector of Domestic Spirits from being a City Guager is attended with great inconvenience to them, and praying its repeal, was referred to the Committee on applications, to whom a similar petition had been referred.

A Petition of John B. Coles was received, stating that about two years ago he presented a petition for permission to reestablish a Ferry

from this City to Harsimus, lying between Powles Hook and Hoboken, that he and those concerned are willing to establish said Ferry and not charge a higher ferriage for persons than six pence, that he understands that a grant has been made of a Ferry to Mr Hone, in which there is a clause restraining the granting within a certain time of any Ferry to the Jersey Shore Southward of Hoboken and from any part of the City South of the North Battery, that he is informed Mr Hone is applying for an extension of his grant farther North, against such grant the Petitioner remonstrates, and prays a grant may be made to him of a right to establish a Ferry from his Dock at Harsimus, to any place between Spring Street [94] and the North Battery; Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of John Cole was received stating that he had erected a Stairs on the outside of his Store corner of Washington and Albany Streets, which he had been ordered by the Street Commissioner to remove, and praying they may be permitted to remain was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition was received from Haviland Wicks, praying that the money due to him on the Contract for building the Sewer in Collect Street may bear interest from the time the first notice for payment expired; and also that a small sum may be advanced to him, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from Stephen Price requesting that the Common Council would Lease to him a piece of ground for the Scite of a Theatre in Chamber Street adjoining the New York Rotunda. The ground required would be about seventy feet front and One hundred [95] and fifty feet deep; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of Abraham Passman for Stall N° 10 Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Noah Jarvis and others Collectors of Assessments under the Corporation complaining of the dampness of the Room assigned to them for an Office in the Basement Story of the City Hall, and requesting that another Room may be assigned to them, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition that Broome Street might be numbered, was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to cause it to be done.

A Petition was received from several Fireman attached to N° 2 stating, that some short time since Andrew Selleg was elected a Fireman to said Company, but that the Cheif Engineer supposing

him not to be a person of good moral character, had not returned him [96] for appointment to the Board: that the Petitioners think well of his character, and pray he may be appointed to said Company; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Memorial was presented from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Abingdon Road, complaining as a great and grievous nuisance the practise of racing Horses in said Road, and praying measures may be taken to prevent the same, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Petition from John A. Davenport to be appointed a City Weigher was received and granted, and he was appointed a City Weigher accordingly.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of persons for Fireman, with a Certificate of the Vacancies existing, and they were accordingly appointed, Vizt

Hook & Ladder Company

No 1

John Rossetter, Ship Carpenter, 55 Washington St 1st Wd [97] vice Robert Speir Time Expired.

Hook & Ladder Company

No 4

William Birdsall, Grocer, 71 Catherine St, 7th Ward vice John Rosseter Resigned.

Fire Engine Company

No 3

George Pomeroy, Accountant, Pearl Street 1st Ward vice William Snell Resigned & joined another Compy

No 4

John William Cooper, Grocer, John cor. Nassau St 2d Ward, vice Jacob Rezeau Resigned.

No 5

Hugh Taylor, Hatter, 29 Gold Street 2d Ward vice Grover C. Furman Resigned.

William Burger Grocer, 184 Greenwich St 3d Ward. vice Sylvester R. Taber Resigned.

[98] Fire Engine Company

N° 8

Thomas Hunt, Dry Good Store, 125 Chatham S^{t} 4th Ward vice Alexander Murray Deceased.

Daniel Dieterich, Currier & Tanner, 351 Pearl S^{t} 4th W^{d} vice Archibald Jackson Time Expired.

Andrew Gassner, Dry Good Store, 4 Orange S^{t} 6 Ward vice James Youngs Resigned.

John Gates, Dry Good Store, 125 Chatham S^{t} 4th W^{d} vice George W. Skellorn, Time Expired.

William Hawley, Clerk, 4 Orange Street 6th Ward vice Thomas Brooks, Time Expired.

Henry Walters, Clerk, cor. Chamber & Broadway 3^{d} W^{d} vice John Mansfield, Time Expired.

N° 10

Charles Farrington, Grocer, Elizabeth n^{r} Broom 8th W^{d} vice John Graham, Resigned.

N° 27

William Passman, Butcher, Laurens Street, 8th Ward [99] vice Garret Garrison, Resigned.

Isaac Freeland, Mason, North Moore S^{t} 5th W^{d} vice Matthew R. Barron, left the City.

Robert Moore, Cartman, Varick Street, 8th Ward. vice William Sharp, left the City.

N° 40.

Benjamin Sutton, Cooper, 100 Pump Street, 6th W^{d} vice Samuel Raymond, Resigned.

N° 42.

Thomas Brush, Tobacconist, 117 Cherry S^{t} 4th Ward, vice Richard Doty Resigned.

Stephen C. De Groove, Hatter, 198 Water S^{t} 4th W^{d} vice George Whitfield, Time Expired.

The Street Commisisoner presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Viz^{t}

For a Well and Pump in Watt Street near Hudson Street,

For regulating and paving Desbrosses Street from Varick to Sullivan Street,

[100] And for regulating and paving Sullivan Street from Watts to Canal Street; and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russell, and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former, and Abraham

Bloodgood, Abraham Baudouine and Benjamin Prince in the two latter.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed Viz[t]

For regulating Bleecker Street from Broadway to Wooster Street, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

And for regulating Grand Street from Mercer to Green Street;

And for regulating Green Street from Eighty seven feet Southerly of Grand Street to Spring Street, and John G. Betts was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Viz[t]

N°						
1	Charles Dickenson,	Owner,		Cherry Street,	a Lot	
2	Albert Journey,	D°		Canal Street,	D°	
3	S. P. Lemoine,	D°		Watts Street,	D°	
	M. Nau	Agent				
4.	[101] James Ackerman,	Owner,		Watts Street,	D°	
5.	William Bayard,	D°,		Orange Street,	D°	
6.	Sharp Taylor,	D°,	234	Greenwich S[t]	D°	
7.	H. W. Thorn,	D°,	40	Willet S[t],	D°	
	F. Moses,	Occupant				
8.	J. Byrnes	Owner & Occupant,		Hester S[t],	D°	
9.	John Youle,	Owner,		South S[t],	D°	
10.	J. Post,	D°,	276	Water S[t],	D°	
	N. Johnson,	Occupant,				
11.	E. Abrahams,	Lessee,	84	D°,	D°	
	Day & Mahlon,	Occupants,				
12.	L. F. Vultee,	Lessee,	13	Orange S[t],	D°	
	J. M[c]Guire,	Occupant,				
13.	P. Martin & J. Murray,	Executor	37	Augustus S[t]	D°	
	T. Tate,	Occupant				
14.	J. W. Mulligan,	Owner,	130	Harman S[t],	D°	
	J. Williams,	Occupant,				
15.	J. B. Murray,	Owner,	66	Warren S[t],	D°	
	J[s] Casey,	Occupant,				
16.	P. Serren	Lessee & Occupant,	68	D°	D°	
17.	D° D°		36	Chappel,	D°	
	H. Davis,	Occupant,				

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

He also presented the following Reports, Viz[t]

[102] The City Inspector respectfully Reports to the Board a vacant Lot, at the corner of Spring and Orange Streets, of which Silvanus Miller is Agent, or Executor to an Orphan Girl.

M[r] Miller has been Ordinanced to fill in the said Lot, so as to correct a very offensive Nuisance there, but refuses to comply; it is apprehended that M[r] Miller cannot be sued with success, as he is neither Owner nor Occupant: now, there are five Hog-pens on the said Lot, and it is in a most disgraceful state.

It is presumed that the Board should correct this nuisance in the first instance, and enclose it to prevent its recurrence, and hold a lien on the Lot, for the expences thereof, no loss can arise from this course, as the property is valuable, and will no doubt be redeemed by M[r] Miller.

He further Reports that a sunken Lot, into which filth and dead Animals are frequently cast, belonging as is said to Hector Scott, being N[o] 1110 Bayard's East Farm, and fronting on Orange Street, has been Ordinanced without effect. M[r] Scott resides in Baltimore, the same course is respectfully recommended in this instance, with the exception of the enclosing of it.

He also reports a Lot on Little Water Street [103] belonging to Matthew L. Davis; this Lot is filled with water and is very offensive.

M[r] Davis has, likewise been Ordinanced, and not complying, it was sent to the Attorney. He was Ordinanced a second time, which will expire the 20[th] Instant; in the event of his not complying (and it is apprehended that he will not comply) would it not be right that the Board should immediately after the 20[th], correct this Nuisance in like manner, particularly as the approaching warm weather justifies every exertion to prevent Disease.

Respectfully Submitted

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board, that at the corner of Washington and Warren Streets, there is a considerable Nuisance on a Lot belonging to the Children of Edmund C. Genet. M[r] Genet has been Ordinanced to correct the same, the time given for that purpose has expired, but no attention has been paid to the Ordinance.

As M[r] Genet is guardian to the Children, he, it is beleived, cannot

be sued, and no means [104] to correct this great Nuisance appear practicable, but by the Board's directing it to be done and disposing of the Lot for the expences arising therefrom.

Respectfully Submitted

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Whereupon, they were referred to him to correct the Nuisances as advised, taking the instructions of the Counsel thereon.

The Counsel agreeably to order presented the Draught of a Law, entitled a Law for the appointment of Health Wardens, which was read by Paragraphs and passed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for regulating and paving Broome Street, Reported in the following words,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Wadsworth and others Inhabitants of Broome Street, praying that Broome Street may be regulated and paved between Varick and Sullivan Streets, Report, that they have examined the situation of that part of the Street, and are of opinion, that it ought to be regulated [105] and paved. Therefore Resolved, that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to be submitted to the Board at their next meeting for that purpose.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
S. P. Brittan
(Signed) Isaac Emmons
S. Parker
Asa Mann

Which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to Report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Board respecting regulating North Street Reported, in the following words:

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Board, on the subject of regulating North Street, have had the same under consideration, and recommend their adoption.

Resolved, that North Street be regulated so as to form a regular descent from Willet Street to the present regulation of Lewis Street, and that the Street Commissioner cause the profile and calculation for filling the Street to be [106] altered accordingly.

Resolved, that the Assessment made for regulating North Street

from Willet to Lewis Street be returned to the Assessors, in order that it may be altered in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
S. P. Brittan
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
S. Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for building the Minetto Sewer, and sundry petitions containing objections thereto:

Report, that they have endeavored to bestow all the attention and consideration on the subject which its importance requires. That they have heard the petitioners, and obtained information and explanations from the Assessors, and have paid particular [attention] to the complaint of inequality and disproportion on Lots in the same, or similar situations, and are satisfied, after hearing the explanations and reasons assigned by the Assessors in every questionable case, that a more just dis- [107] crimination could not have been made.

With these impressions and views of the subject referred to them, your Committee do not hesitate to recommend the confirmation of the Assessment, they therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Assessment for building the Minetto Sewer, as reported by the Assessors be confirmed.

Cha[s] Town Ch[n]
Tho. Bolton
(Signed) John P. Anthony
Rob. Swartwout
Tho[s] S. Townsend

Whereupon the Resolution was adopted, the Assessment confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed the Collector of the same.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Pringle, complaining that the Report of the late Commitee of Assessments (of which M[r] Westervelt was Chairman) did not meet the case intended:

Report, that on examining the Report alluded to, it appears that the petitioner was Assessed in the 9[th] Ward for Two Houses and Lots, the [108] sum of $28 $^{5}/_{100}$, when in fact he was the owner of but one, and the Committee, satisfied that he was entitled to relief,

directed that $14 25/100 be remitted, and the remainder collected. The Tax having been paid, that Report afforded no relief, to effect which, Your Committee respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favor of Thomas Pringle for $14 25/100 agreeably to a Report of the Committee of Assessments made 27th March last, to be paid on his exhibiting a receipt for the payment of the Taxes Assessed on him in the 9th ward in the Year 1818.

Chas Town Chn
Tho. Bolton
(Signed) John P. Anthony
Rob. Swartwout
Thos S. Townsend

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Comptroller directed to Report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Committee on Applications to whom was referred the Petition of Walter W. Townsend for the Appointment of Measurer of Grain are of [109] the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Walter W. Townsend be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

(Signed) D. Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved the Resolution adopted, and he was appointed accordingly.

The same Committee on the petition of Edward Webb for a similar appointment Reported,

Are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Edward Webb be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

(Signed) D. Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Finance Committee presented a communication of some length on the subject of the Finances of the Corporation, and of finding under the [110] authority of the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature, the debts due by the Corporation on Bonds; and they

proposed Resolutions authorising the Comptroller to open Books at the Mechanics Bank to receive subscriptions to a Loan not exceeding Two hundred Thousand Dollars for which Certificates will be issued bearing an Interest of five per Cent payable quarterly and not redeemable until the first day of August 1850. Whereupon, the consideration thereof was postponed, and the Report directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board.

A Resolution was presented directing the Superintendant of Repairs to cause the Houses in Market Street to be numbered, which was adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Thorp, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the Celebration of the next Anniversary of American Independence, and a Committee was appointed consisting of, Alderman Thorp, Alderman Swartwout, Mr Hammond, Mr Bolton & Mr De Peyster.

[111] Alderman Allen presented the following;

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board directing the working of the 10th Avenue, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman Swartwout presented a Resolution for appointing three additional Street Inspectors, which was directed to lie for consideration.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the different Sewers in the City to be examined, and to Report their condition to the Board.

Resolved, that the Clerk cause the Law prohibiting the firing of Squibs and Crackers in the Streets to be printed and posted in the several parts of the City.

The Comptroller Reported;

Balance in the Treasury 5th Instant	$15.51	
Received for Streets	5,064.68	
" " Excise	4,506.00	
" " Canal Street regulating	1,000.00	
[112]" " Canal Street Sewer	400.00	
Costs &c. Justices Courts. 1st 2d 3d Wards	160.93	
Wells & Pumps	150.00	11,297.12

14 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st District	981.75
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2d Do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3d Do	393.75

H. Waterbury, work at Mud Machine to 11th Instant.....	113.87	
Js L. Bell, in full for services of Marshals &c. to 13th May 1820	5,433.65	
J. Bailey, Acct filling & regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis	500.00	
Thos Lovett, Acct regulating & paving provost Street from Washington to West.....	200.00	
Thos Lovett, Acct regulating Canal Street.....	1,000.00	
H. Smith, Acct regulating & paving Elm Street from White to Hester	100.00	
E. W. Laight, Wm Stilwell & J. McKisson, Commissioners fees for extending Beekman Street from pearl to South Street	746.00	
[113] J. P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs for fencing Lot of ground corner Bowling Green & State Streets of Mrs. Dale, Lein on Lot.....	24.45	
C. Mooney, balance paving Bowery from North to Jones Street	280.13	
Abm Stagg, Acct paving Grand Street from Broadway to Bowery	200.00	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs for repairs....	628.00	
		11,247.35
Balance		49.77

Board adjourned to meet on Monday fortnight at 5 oClock.

In Common Council June 26th 1820.

Present. Robert Swartwout Esq. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Abraham Valentine
Thomas S. Townsend	Harmanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjamin Crane
[114] Robert McQueen	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
David Board	Stephen P. Brittan
George B. Thorp	Isaac Emmons
Stephen Allen	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An Invitation was received from Mr Peter Cooper to visit an Experiment of an Hydraulic Boat Propelling Machine at Bellvue tomorrow. A Horse-Boat will attend at Catherine Ferry to convey the Members to Bellevue and return them to the City, which Invitation was accepted.

A Report from the keeper of the Bridewell of the Prisoner's confined therein was received and ordered to be filed.

A Petition of William Stewart and Isaac Wilkins Junior for appointment of City Weigher, of Uriel Howard for appointment as City Cryer, from Walter Fowler, William Parsels and Jacob [115] Coutant for appointment as City Measurers. From Thomas Gentil, Oliver Jaques, William Jessup and Wright Carpenter for appointment as Street Inspectors were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Robert Hobson to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Recommendation that Sarah Seymour be permitted to have a Hucksters Stand in the Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Philetus B. Woodruff for permission to construct a Vault in Walker Street and *on* [of] John Geib to construct one in Franklin Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A request of John S. Dusenbury for payment of the reward offered by the Mayor for the apprehension of certain persons who had escaped from Quarantine, he having, as appeared by the Certificate of Joseph Bayley Health Officer, appre- [116] hended and delivered at the Quarantine ground Samuel Molloy and Harvey Sandford two of the said persons, was read and referred to the Board of Health.

A Complaint by Sundry Inhabitants of a Nuisance existing between Hudson & Varick Street was referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Mary Ann Brown whose husband died last summer of the Malignant Fever praying some relief, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition that the whole of the Side-walk on the South side in Augustus Street, may be extended to the width prescribed by Law, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Rice, Master of Sloop Greyhound from New Brunswick in the State of New Jersey, praying remission of fine said to be incurred by his not reporting certain passengers (who were all Americans) whom he had brought in his Vessel, was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit [117] the penalty.

A Memorial from a number of dealers in Grain, praying that the

fee allowed for measuring Grain may be reduced, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Remonstrance by some of the owners of Lots in Washington Street against the permission given to Richard Varick to extend the front of a building now erecting on the corner of Dey & Washington Street, to four feet beyond the line of the other houses; and a letter from Andrew Hunt remonstrating against the said permission to Mr Varick, were read and referred to the Street Committee, the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward, the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial was received from Philip Rhinelander stating that having agreeably to the orders of the Board built out West Street from Barclay to Murray, the Basins which formerly accommodated small Vessels are thereby closed up, and asking permission to run out a peir from West Street at the foot of Robinson Street 250 feet into Hudson River with a T. at the end thereof; [118] which being read, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips with authority to grant the permission.

A Petition from John Smith for further time to pay the Assessments laid on him for Canal Street, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants residing on the 5th Avenue complaining of its rough and uneven state, and praying that it may be worked and rendered even, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of John Griscom was received stating, that he had for the years 1812, 13 & 14 been assessed for and paid Taxes on his Academy in Green Street, which he believes is exempt by Law from Taxation and praying relief, which was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that First Street between the Bowery and First Avenue be regulated, and the Curb and Gutter Stone laid, was referred to the Street Committee.

[119] A Petition that so much of the second Avenue as lies between North and First Streets may be regulated and the Curb and Gutter stone laid, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Eldridge Street between Broome & Delancey Street may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

A letter was received from William Kemble stating that the soil of a Lot belonging to the Corporation at Brooklyn occupied by the Steam Boat Company, was much injured by a Storm in January last

and required immediate attention, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers, and Slips.

A complaint of Isaac Brown complaining of the indecent practise of persons bathing at the Stairs at Market Field Street; and a similar complaint of like indecencies at Courtlandt Street Slip were read, and the former referred to the Ferry Committee, and the latter to Mr Hutchings Street Inspector.

A representation of Charles Gardner Commissary [120] of Military Stores that the grounds of the Arsenal were overflowed with water, in consequence of the stoppage of the Sewer in Collect Street, was read and laid on the table.

A Petition of Alexander Fairlee for relief from fine incurred by selling liquor without License, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the penalty.

A request of sundry Inhabitants in Harman Street to be informed of the regulation of said Street, was read and laid on the table.

A further Petition was received from Samuel Evans, praying that for the reasons stated in his petition that in the new Lease about to be given to Rodman Bowne for Catherine Ferry, a clause may be introduced either restricting him on the Long Island side to the foot of Main Street in Brooklyn, or confining him to the use of not more than two Horse or Steam Boats on said Ferry; which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A request of William H. Maxwell to be [121] permitted to parade the Regiment of Militia Infantry commanded by him in the Park, was read and rejected.

An Invitation from Major General Morton to the Common Council to honor with their presence the Review of part of the Division of Artillery under his command at the City Hall on the 4th of July next, was read and accepted.

The following Fire Wardens and Fireman were appointed, the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies, Vizt

Fire Wardens First Ward.

Francis T. Luqueer, Merchant, 53 Beaver Street 1st Ward vice Richard Duryee, time of service expired.

Fire Engine Company No 6

John Colby, Silversmith, 203 Church Street, 5th Ward vice Thomas Barnes, removed in the Country.

James Hasleton, Mason, 203 Church St 5th Ward vice Nathan Whitehead, removed in the Country.

[122] Fire Engine Company N° 9

Alexander Welsh, Chair Maker, 65 Broad S^{t}, 1st Ward vice Jonathan Moore, Resigned.

William P. Evans, Grocer, cor. Front & Moore S^{t}, 1st Ward vice Robert Tyrrill, Resigned.

N° 11

William Tallman J^{r}, Merchant, 30 Pearl S^{t}, 1st Ward. vice William P. Evans, Resigned.

N° 15

Abraham Craft, Turner, 11 Lombardy S^{t}, 7th Ward vice William Pulis, Resigned.

N° 16

Silvester P. Denison, Grocer, 224 Fulton S^{t}, 3^{d} Ward vice Abraham Degraw, Resigned.

George Hitchcock, Grocer, cor. Maiden Lane & Nassau Street 2^{d} Ward vice Alexander Ogsbury, Resigned.

[123] N° 18

Joseph Barnes, Brewer, 66 Lombardy S^{t}, 7th Ward vice Henry W. Rosenbaum, removed from the City.

Richard Wright, Builder, 40 Spruce S^{t} 2^{d} Ward vice George W. Brown, Resigned.

N° 21

Martin Oakley, Chairmaker, 97 Hester S^{t} 10th Ward vice Nathan Holden, Resigned.

Edward Schermerhorn, Clerk, 204 William S^{t} 4th Ward vice John Dixon, Resigned.

John Hyatt, Silversmith, 10 Gold Street, 2^{d} Ward vice Augustus R. Cornwall, Resigned.

N° 25

William Dilworth, Fur Merchant, 186 Water S^{t}, 2^{d} Ward vice Stephen Brown, removed from the City.

N° 28

James Roe, Clerk, 5 Warren Street, 5th Ward. [124] vice John Vanderhoof, Expelled for Non-attendance

Jasper Sherwood, Cartman, 8 Bleecker S^{t}, 8th Ward vice John Colier, Expelled for Non-attendance.

James *Bontor* [Banta], Blacksmith, 127 Crosby S^{t}, 8th Ward vice Peter Smith, Expelled for non-attendance.

N° 31

James Campfield, Taylor, 120 Chapel S^{t}, 5th Ward vice David Jaques, Resigned.

N° 37

Jonathan C. Chardavoyne, Blacksmith, 113 Hester S^{t} 10th W^{d} vice Elijah Hitchcock, Resigned.

Abraham Masterton, Sash Maker, 30 Henry S^{t} 7th W^{d} vice Samuel Hubbs, Resigned.

N° 41

Daniel Hegeman, House Carpenter, Grand S^{t} near Suffolk 10th W^{d} vice Henry Crumb, left the City.

Alvey Smith, Cartman, Grand near Suffolk S^{t} 10th W^{d} [125] vice John Deweber, left the City.

Matthias Schnip, Cartman, cor. Delancey & Ludlow Streets 10th Ward vice Henry J. Bush, Resigned.

The Comptroller presented a list of Accounts due to the Corporation which remain unsettled on the Books, which was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct said Accounts to be closed in the Books as they shall judge adviseable.

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the reference to him, Reported:

That the Public Sewers had been examined and found in good order, except those in Canal Collect and Chapel Streets, into which a considerable quantity of sand had been washed, which he recommended should be cleaned out; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Canal Committee.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Viz^{t}

[126] For a Well and Pump in Charlton Street near Varick Street,

For regulating and paving Gold Street from Fulton to Beekman Street and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and A. Clark were appointed Assessors,

For regulating and paving Broome Street between Varick and Sullivan Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee, and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors,

For regulating and paving Grand Street from Arundel Street to the bulkhead on the East River, and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For regulating and paving Collect Street from Leonard Street

to the pavement on Rhynder Street, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed and Collectors appointed Viz[t]

For regulating and paving Beach Street from Washington to West Street, and John G. Betts was appointed Collector.

For regulating and paving the side-walks [127] in the Bowery, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector,

And for a Well and Pump in Allen Street near North Street, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Counsel presented for Execution three Leases, Viz[t]

One to Samuel Tooker and Isaac Pierson, one to the Reverend Edward Mitchell, and one to George Bruce of two Lots of ground fronting on Duane Street, which were ordered to be duly Executed.

He also presented "a Law respecting Nuisances," and "a Law to amend a Law entitled a Law relative to Drains and Sewers", which were read by paragraphs and passed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Viz[t]

N°				
1.	Ja[s] Wood,	Owner,	Delancey Street,	Lots
2.	E. Delaplaine,	D°,	D°,	D°
3.	P. Ogilvie,	D°,	Willet Street,	D°
4.	A. Fink,	D°,	Broom Street,	D°
5.	[128] H[y] Astor, / John Givens,	Owner, / Occupant,	Bowery,	D°
6.	C. Bogert, / J[s] Walker,	Agent to	Canal Street,	D°
7.	T. Taylor,	Lessee,	Elm Street,	D°
8.	W[m] W. Johnson, / C. Johnson,	Agent to	D°	D°
9.	A. S. Pell / C. Duane,	Agent to	Mott Street,	D°
10.	J. Beekman,	Agent,	Forsyth Street,	D°
11.	D°	D°,	Eldridge Street,	D°
12.	Samuel M. Thompson,	D°,	South Street,	D°
13.	M[r] Provost, / John A. Butler,	Owner, / Occupant,	Oak Street,	D°
14.	R[t] M. Montgomery,	Owner,	Broom Street,	D°
15.	N. Prime,	D°,	Spring Street,	D°
16.	W[m] Lawrence	Owner or Agent,	Orange Street,	D°

17.	G. Lorrillard,	Owner,	Orange Street,		Lots
18.	E. Boyd,	D°,	Leonard S^{t},		D°
19.	J. F. Delaplaine,	Agent,	Columbia S^{t},		D°
20.	P^{r} A. Jay Esq^{r},	D°,	Pitt Street,		D°
21.	J. B. Taylor,	Owner,	Mercer Street,		D°
22.	A. Fink,	D°,	Broom Street,		D°
23.	M. Field,	Agent,	Broadway,		D°
24.	J. B. Lawrence,	Owner,	Pitt Street,		D°
25.	H. J. Hassey,	Lessee & Occupant,	136 Flymarket,		D°
26.	[129] R. Carman, S. Judd,	Owner, Occupant,	138	D°	D°
27.	T. Gardner, M^{r} Carter,	Owner, Occupant,	140	William S^{t},	D°
28.	D. Dougherty,	Lessee & Occupant,	18	Catherine Lane,	D°
29.	J. M^{c}Cabe,	Owner & Occupant,	16	D°,	D°
30.	M^{r} Cain, A. Pattison,	Owner, Lessee & Occupant,	15	Water S^{t}	a Privy
31.	P. Ogilvie, S. Virtue,	Owner, Occupant		Walnut S^{t},	D°
32.	S. Parsons,	Owner & Occupant,	25	Ann S^{t},	D°
33.	L. Fourniquet, M. Finger,	Owner, Occupant,	27	D°,	D°
34.	R^{t} Bogardus, S. Burlock,	Agent, Occupant,	1	Jacob S^{t},	D°
35.	J. N. Weathershine, W^{m} Bleakeny,	Owner, Occupant,	37	Chapel S^{t},	D°
36.	J. N. Weathershine, A. Sloat,	Owner, Occupant,	61	Warren S^{t},	D°
37.	J. Mowatt Jun^{r}, Miss Ludlow,	Owner, Occupant,	1	Franklin S^{t},	D°
38.	J. Mowatt Jun^{r}, P. V. Ledyard,	Owner, Occupant,	3	D°,	D°
39.	J. Mowatt Jun^{r}, J. W. Williams,	Owner, Occupant,	5	D°,	D°
40.	J. Mowatt Jun^{r}, J. Gaston,	Owner, Occupant,	7	D°,	D°
41.	[130] T. Leggett, R. Leggett	Owner, Agent,	67	Murray S^{t},	D°
42.	G. Little, J. Thomas,	Lessee, Occupant,	27	Essex S^{t},	D°

43. N. Steel,	Owner,	99 Mott S^{t},	a Privy
44. S. Elder,	Lessee,	15 Chapel S^{t},	D^{o}
45. J. Buckmaster, S. Dunweel,	Owner, Occupant,	11 Cheapside S^{t},	D^{o}
46. M. Luff, J. Frederick,	Owner, Occupant,	Grand & Forsyth Streets,	D^{o}

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

He also presented a Report, stating that a considerable quantity of water from Collect Street by being obstructed in its passage to the Sewer, had emptied itself into the Arsenal Yard, and recommended filling in the Arsenal Yard as the only remedy, which was read and laid on the Table.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of the construction of certain Privies in William Street, which was referred to the Commissioners of the Board of Health.

He also presented the following, Viz^{t}

[131] The City Inspector respectfully states that a Nuisance exists on a surplus Gore of Land, fronting westerly on Laurens Street, between Spring and Broom Streets, being one among many others lying between the Estate of Anthony Lispenard and Bayard's west farm.

As the neighborhood are improving their Lots, and this surplus Gore of Land, about twenty feet in front, and forty in the rear, belongs to the Corporation, it is recommended that it be directed to be filled in with earth, to correct the Nuisance, more especially as the sunken Gore now receives water which filters through into the neighboring Cellars.

The Expence will probably not exceed Thirty Dollars.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Which was referred to the Street Commissioner to correct the Nuisance complained of.

The Market Committee to whom the Petition of John Evans was referred, Praying to be licensed for Stall N^{o} 14 Washington Market, accompanyed with a Certificate of M^{r} Stephen Berdett, that [132] he is willing to give up his License to said Evans.

Your Committee are willing to accept of the resignation of said Stephen Berdett, but they at the same time, claiming the right of selection when their are a number of applications, as there are at present, Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the resignation of Stephen Berdett of his License for Stall N° 14 Washington Market, be and is hereby accepted, and that George Cammerdon be Licensed for the same.

(Signed) Harm[s] Tallman
Stephen Allen
Cha[s] Town
Sam[l] Tooker

Which was approved, and the Stall was granted to said George Cammerdon.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth De Peyster stating that in August 1810. her property in the Eighth Ward, was Assessed for opening Canal Street $221 $^{5}/_{100}$ Dollars which sum amounting together with the Interest to $307 $^{56}/_{100}$ Dollars she paid on the 5[th] of January 1818. The basis [133] of the Assessment was, that the water from that part of the City, should have an outlet through Canal Street: the plan was subsequently altered and the water from the petitioners property in that vicinity will now pass off thro' the Minetto Sewer, for which she has recently been assessed $280 Dollars, and that, as her property is not now benefitted by the opening of Canal Street, she prays that the sum paid by her for that improvement may be refunded.

Report, that on an examination of the case, it appears there are a number of persons in the Eighth Ward whose property in 1810. was Assessed for opening Canal Street and building the Canal, for the purpose of giving an outlet to the water collected on their grounds, and that by a recent regulation in that part of the City, it is now drained off through the Minetto Sewer, for the building of which, they have also been Assessed.

Your Committee consulting their feelings only as it respects the general benefit derived to the Community from those two Canals, are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner. the granting relief [134] in one case would open the door to a host of Applicants placed precisely in a similar situation;

They therefore Respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved. that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

(Signed) Chas Town Chn
Rob. Swartwout
John P. Anthony
Thos S. Townsend

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Grand Street Reported as follows:

" The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of a number of the proprietors of property situate on Grand Street praying that it may be paved from Arundle Street to the East River:

Report, that they have carefully examined the situation of that and the adjoining Streets that are in an unregulated state, and are fully of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

They therefore beg leave to offer the follow- [135] ing Resolutions.

Resolved, that Grand Street be regulated with a regular ascent from Arundle Street to the present surface of the ground half way between Attorney and Ridge Street, and from thence in a direct line to the present surface at the Easterly side of Sheriff Street.

Resolved, that the Curb Stone be laid and the Carriage-way paved from Arundle Street to the Bulkhead, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(Signed) Rob. Swartwout
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons

Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The same Committee presented the following Communication made to them by the Street Commissioner, and a Report by them thereon;

The Street Committee,

Gentlemen,

As Harman Street will [136] require Repaving as soon as the buildings are removed from off the Street; the Street Commissioner submits for the consideration of the Committee whether an altera-

tion in the regulation may not be made, so as to improve the appearance of the Street, which he presumes may be done by reducing the summit points between Catherine & Rutgers Street. There are but a few buildings on the Northerly side but what will be improved by the alteration. the early attention of the Committee to this subject will much oblige a number of persons who are about building, or fixing their Houses on the Southerly side of the Street.

Very Respectfully
Your Obed^{t} Serv^{t}
(Signed) John M^{c}Comb
Street Commissioner.

The Street Committee having received the annexed communication from the Street Commissioner relative to the improvement of Harman Street, immediately proceeded to examine its situation, and are decidedly of opinion that the alteration proposed will be [137] an improvement to the appearance of the Street.

They therefore offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, that Harman Street be regulated from Catherine Street to Rutgers Street and that the summit points of the present pavement between Catherine and Rutgers Street be reduced eighteen inches

Resolved, that the Carriage way and side walks in Harman Street be paved from Catherine to Rutgers Street, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

Rob. Swartwout
Asa Mann
(Signed) S. P. Brittan
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

Whereupon the Resolutions proposed by the Committee were adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition praying that the Sewer in Collect Street may be extended to Leonard Street Respectfully Report, That they have personally examined the situation of said Street, [138] and duly considered the request of the pe[ti]tioners, and are of opinion that the Sewer has been extended as far as the nature of the ground will permit at present, and as something requires to be done in order to abate a serious nuisance that now exists; Your Committee recommend that the Street be regulated and paved from Leonard Street to the mouth of the Sewer.

They therefore offer the following Resolutions,

Resolved, that Collect Street be regulated and paved from Leonard

Street to the mouth of the Sewer, in the same manner as it is done between Anthony and Leonard Street.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance forthwith for that purpose, and that he take immediate measures to have the same carried into effect.

Rob. Swartwout
Harm[s] Tallman
(Signed) Isaac Emmons
Gerard De Peyster
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, the Resolutions adopted, and an Ordinance agreeably thereto was passed.

[139] The Committee on Public Lands and Places on the petition of Stephen Price for the Lease of ground for a Scite for a Theatre, presented a Report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Haviland Wicks, praying that interest may be charged on the uncollected Assessment for the Sewer in Collect Street, and that the sum Assessed on the Arsenal and payable by the State may be advanced him by the Corporation

Report, that the petitioner was the Contractor for building said Sewer, and has compleated his contract several Months since; the Assessment for which was confirmed by the Common Council on the first day of May last. The Committee are of opinion that the request of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, inasmuch as strict justice requires, that a period should be fixed for the payment of all Assessments, after which interest ought to be charged; otherwise those who prolong the payment, until the moment of legal proceedings have an evident [140] advantage over others that pay on the demand of the Collector; and it is also the opinion of your Committee, that the Amount due by the State, ought to be advanced by the Corporation, because it is beleived no provision has been made by the Legislature for its payment, and that a Law must be passed for that purpose at their next Session; they therefore recommend the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that from and after the first day of July next, interest be charged on the money remaining unpaid on the Assessment for building the Sewer in Collect Street.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to Report a warrant at the first meeting of the Board in July in favor of Haviland Wicks,

for the sum assessed on the State for building the Sewer in Collect Street, provided, the same shall remain unpaid on that day.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
(Signed) J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan
B. Crane

[141] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen also introduced the following Resoluuion which was adopted.

Resolved, that from and after the tenth day of July next, interest be charged on the amount due and unpaid on the Assessments for regulating Canal Street.

The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Blackwell for to be appointed a City Weigher, are of the opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that Jacob Blackwell be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher.

(Signed) D. Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and he was appointed a City Weigher.

The same Committee on the petition of Lewis Smith Reported as follows;

"The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Smith, pray- [142] ing to be appointed a Measurer of Grain have made the necessary enquiry, and are of the opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Lewis Smith be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

(Signed) D. Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and he was appointed a City Measurer.

A Resolution was presented for regulating the upper end of Division Street, so as to correspond with the regulation of Grand Street and the regulated part of Division Street, which was referred to the Street Committee to direct an Ordinance to be Reported.

Resolved, that the Market Committee enquire into the conduct of Hall, lately permitted to vend Butter in the Markets, and if in their judgment he has used the permit improperly that they revoke it.

The Communication (respecting creating [143] a further Stock) of the Finance Committee presented at the last meeting, was called up, and being read, was in the words following.

"The Finance Committee beg leave to remind the Board, that a Law was passed at the last Session of the Legislature of this State, authorising the Corporation to fund Four hundred Thousand Dollars in Stock bearing an Interest not exceeding six per Cent per annum.

One object with the Committee in recommending to the Board an application to the Legislature for the passage of said Law was the extinguishment of the present floating debt of the Corporation, and more particularly that part of it for which they are paying seven per Cent interest.

The Law authorising the now funded debt of the Corporation was passed in 1812. and the Stock created under that Law is not redeemable until the year 1826. By this Act the whole Revenue of the Corporation is pledged for the payment of the interest on the sum funded, and the Legislature have given the pledge of the State, that in the event of the said Revenue proving insufficient to pay such interest, Laws [144] shall be passed authorising the Corporation to raise by Tax the necessary sum, and the same provision is continued in force, and will apply to any future Law authorised by the Act of 1820.

The Sinking fund established for the redemption of the present Stock, has been in operation seven years; and in that period 184.611 Dollars 89 Cents has been paid to the Commissioners from the funds set apart for that purpose, averaging 26.373 Dollars per Annum. This fund however has been unusually increased for the two or three last years by the sale of public property to a large amount and it would be unfair therefore, in calculating the final extinguishment of the present debt, to take the average above stated as a basis.

The Committee have presumed that 25,000 Dollars per annum may be safely calculated on, as the future average receipts of the Sinking fund, and on this calculation the debt now funded may be extinguished in Twenty eight years from the present date, which will be in the year 1848.

The whole amount of Bonds at present [145] outstanding is

264,483 Dollars 17 Cents; of this Amount 25,080 Dollars is held by Richard Varick Esq[r] and bears no interest until the year 1823. and 70,129 Dollars was issued to pay the Contractors for building the Sewer in Canal Street, and are to be liquidated from the amount Assessed for that object: the remainder of the Bonds amount to 169,273 Dollars 35 Cents of which 121,531 Dollars 53 Cents bear an interest of seven per Cent, and 47,741 Dollars 82 Cents an interest of six per Cent per annum.

The Committee are of opinion that a Loan may be contracted at the present time for the payment of these Bonds on very favorable terms to the public, particularly if the period for the redemption of such Loan shall be extended for a number of years, and as it has been shown from the operation of the Sinking fund, that the present debt cannot be liquidated before the year 1848. no objection has occurred to the minds of your Committee, against taking a Loan, not redeemable before the year 1850. The Committee have sought for information on the probable result, should books be opened for a Loan at five per Cent interest on the foregoing conditions; and it is [146] the opinion of the best informed on these subjects that it would succeed; they therefore beg leave to propose, that a Loan be taken not to exceed 200,000 Dollars in Amount and at an interest of five per Cent per annum payable quarter yearly; the proceeds to be applied to the payment of the outstanding Bonds, except those issued to M[r] Varick and the Contractors for the Sewer in Canal Street.

There is no object cognizable by this Board, in which the public feel a greater interest than in that part of the City Finances, and on this occasion, when it becomes necessary to increase the funded debt to Eleven Hundred Thousand Dollars, it will not be deemed arrogance in the Committee to respectfully suggest to the Board, the propriety of using every means in their power, consistent with the convenience of the Citizens, to lessen the public expenditure, and prevent a further increase of the Public Debt.

The Committee beg leave to propose the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to give public notice in the papers employed by the Corporation, that Books will be [147] opened, and kept open during business hours at the Mechanics Bank in this City, from the 10[th] to the 20[th] day of July, next, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions for a Loan to the Corporation of this City, of any sum not less than One hundred Dollars, and not exceeding Two hundred Thousand Dollars.

That on the closing of such Books, should the sum subscribed exceed in Amount Two hundred Thousand Dollars, the surplus will be deducted pro rata from the Amounts subscribed respectively. That on the 20th day of July, the subscribers to the Loan shall pay to the City Treasurer at the Mechanics Bank aforesaid, five per Cent on the Amount of Stock to which they shall be entitled by their subscription; and that on the 31st of July thereafter, the remainder of the sum subscribed shall be paid as aforesaid, when Certificates of Stock will be issued bearing an interest of five per Cent payable quarter-yearly, from and after the first day of August 1820. and not redeemable till the first day of August 1850. That in the event of a failure of the subscribers to pay the last instalment on the day designated, the previous sums paid, will be forfeited to the use [148] of the Corporation of this City.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised under the instruction of the Finance Committee, to apply the proceeds of the proposed Loan to the payment of such of the outstanding Bonds of this Corporation as in their opinion will be most for the public interest.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Saml Tooker
S. P. Brittan
J. Hammond

Which Report was approved, the blanks filled in the Resolutions, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Resolution presented at last meeting for the appointment of three additional Street Inspectors, was called up and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution referring it to a Committee to enquire into the expediency of altering and equalizing the Rates of Cartage, which was directed to be referred to the Watch Committee.

[149] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 12th Inst.....	$49.77	
Received for Tax of 1819. 2d 3d 4th 8th 9th 10th Wards....	10,200.00	
Tavern Licenses	500.00	
Sewer in Collect Street.....	100.00	
		10,849.77

32 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st District.....	981.75	
Hibberd & Clark Do 2d Do	645.75	
Bleakley & Brower Do 3d Do	393.75	

Samuel Hutchings, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st July....	52.50	
Jonathan Pinkney, Do Do 1 Month 1st July....	52.50	
Abraham Ackerman, Do Do 1 Month 1st July....	52.50	
William J. Waldron, Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st July	45.50	
Obadiah Ayres Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st July..	45.50	
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 Month 1st July.....	52.00	
John Jackson Jr Clerk in issuing Tavern Licenses.....	44.00	
John W. Kirn Constable at Election 3d Ward in April.....	8.00	
[150] Irving Smith & Holly, Auction fees on public property	158.27	
Thomas Pringle, Amot Tax Assessed in 1818. 9th Ward (error)	14.25	
H. Waterbury, Work at Mud Machine 12 days to 25th Instant	93.00	
Thomas Hazard Jr., 12 Casks Oil.....	751.50	
G. Snethen, Superintending and lighting Lamps 1 Month 1st July	639.87	
Abel W. Hardenbrook, Engines & Repairs to 1st May 1820.	2,374.16	
Legrand Jarvis, Surveys & Maps for building Sewer in Collect Street	320.00	
Haviland Wicks, Acct building Sewer Collect Street.....	300.00	
H. Smith, Acct regulating and paving Elm Street from White to Hester.....	200.00	
P. Debaum, Acct regulating Bleecker Street from McDougal to Carmine	500.00	
H. Smith, balance regulating & paving Anthony Street from Collect to Orange.....	358.03	
T. Scott, Acct regulating and paving Dey St fm Greenwich to Washington	300.00	
[151] Pinkerton & Forgie, Acct paving Broadway from Bleecker to Art.....	300.00	
H. Cochrane, Acct paving Washington Street from North Moore to Watts.....	250.00	
T. Scott, balance paving Fulton Street from Washington to Bulkhead	250.00	
S. Bloomfield, Acct paving Chapel Street from Canal to near Leonard	150.00	
T. Scott, Acct paving Washington Street from Dey towards Courtlandt	100.00	
H. Donocho, 1st Instalment Well in Allen Street near North	52.91	
John Conway, balance for Well in Roosevelt Street.....	20.00	
J. McComb, Street Commissioner for repairs Roads.....	500.00	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs for Repairs.....	800.00	
		10,805.74
Balance		44.03

Board adjourned to meet this day fortnight at 5 oClock.

[152] In Common Council July 10th 1820.

Present. The Honbl Robert Swartwout Depy Mayor, President,
Peter A. Jay Esquire, Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
Asa Mann	Benjamin Crane
David Board	Charles Town
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Stephen Allen	Stephen P. Brittan
	Isaac Emmons
	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication dated Troy June 24th 1820 from Esaias Warren Mayor of the City of Troy stating that by a late extensive and destructive fire, a great portion of the City of Troy had been laid in ashes, and a number of the poor In- [153] habitants had been reduced to the greatest distress, and praying the aid of the Citizens of New York to releive the distresses of those unfortunate Inhabitants was read. Whereupon the following Resolutions were presented by his Honor the Recorder Mr Jay, which being read were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that this Board deeply sympathize in the distress of their fellow Citizens of Troy occasioned by the late calamitous fire at that place.

Resolved, that his Honor the Deputy Mayor be requested to convene a general meeting of the Citizens of this City for the purpose of adopting measures for affording releif to the suffering Inhabitants of Troy.

A request from Peter H. Wendover Chairman of the Commissioners of the School Fund that the sum allowed by Law to that Fund be paid, was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Palmer & Hamilton owners of Brig Bourdeaux was received, stating that said Brig arrived on Saturday 24th June having [154] two Cabin passengers on board, that on Monday the 26th the Captain reported his passengers at the Mayors Office, signed the Bond and paid the expenses thereof, and stated that his secureities whom he named would on the next day complete the same; that unavoidable circumstances prevented the completion on the next day,

that on the 27th they received notice from the Attorney that the Bond was not executed, that on the 28th they attended at the Mayors Office, but they were not permitted to execute the same, until the fees of the Attorney were paid, that they called upon the Attorney who demanded $5 $^{75}/_{100}$ which they paid; that under the circumstances of this case they pray relief—Referred to Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown was received, stating that in the Lease to them of a part of Whitehall Slip and peirs it was agreed on the part of the Corporation that Pier N° 1 and the short Pier should be put in compleat repair, and that the Lane between the Battery and Whitehall Slip should be widened; that neither of these parts of the Contract have been performed on [155] the part of the Corporation, whereby the petitioners have sustained considerable loss and injury and submitting whether on account of said failure in the Contract on the part of the Corporation and the losses sustained by Petitioners a deduction should not be made from the rent covenanted to be paid by Petitioners.—Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Thomas H. White occupier of Stall N° 30 and of Jonathan Skillman occupier of Stall N° 31 in Catherine Market praying to be permitted to exchange Stalls with each other; A petition of John Harriot for Stall N° 38 Catherine Market; & of Frazier Broadway for Stall N° 16 Fly-market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial was received from a number of Owners and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Exchange Slip and lower part of Broad Street, stating that they are informed that it is in contemplation to Assess upon them a portion of the expence for cleaning the Drain or Sewer in Broad Street, and also for building [156] the Bulkhead &c at Exchange Slip, against which for reasons in said Memorial stated at length they object and remonstrate, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance from a large number of Inhabitants against adopting the Report of the Committee on the petition of Stephen Price which recommended Leasing to him a Lot on Chamber Street, whereon to erect a Theatre, was presented and read. The Report of the Committee on the petition of Stephen Price presented at last meeting and laid for consideration, was called up, and being read was in the words following.

"The Committee on Public Lands & Places to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Price praying the Corporation to

grant him on lease a lot of land for the purpose of building a Theatre thereon,

Report, That they have had this subject under consideration, and have examined Mr. Price's plans and had his views and explanation thereon. He proposes to occupy the space of ground between the Rotunda and the Old Alms-House, fronting 70 feet on Chamber [157] Street, and running 150 feet deep, which will extend about 50 feet farther back than the South line of the Alms House.

The plan of the Building is neat and ornamental, it is intended to be of White Marble front and rear, completely fire proof and to be finished in a style of taste and elegance. Mr Price offers a rent of Fifteen hundred Dollars per annum for Forty two Years reserving the priviledge of removing the Building at the expiration of that period, the payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

Your Committee are doubtful of this being the most eligible spot for a Theatre, yet in as much as the ground is now producing comparitively nothing, and as the rent offered by Mr. Price they beleive to be a fair one, and especially as the state of our finances require the most rigid economy, they are in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and in order to bring the question fairly before the Board, they beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that a Lease be granted to Stephen Price for Forty two years of a Lot of [158] ground 70 by 150 feet adjoining the Rotunda in Chamber Street for the purpose of erecting a Theatre thereon under the direction and Superintendance of a special Committee of this Board to be appointed for that purpose.

(Signed) Saml Tooker
Gerard De Peyster
Robert McQueen
Shivers Parker

It was moved that the remonstrance be referred to the Committee on the petition.

The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, which passed in the Negative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Brittan were as follows;

Negative. Mr Recorder, Aldn Tooker, Aldn Townsend, Anthony, Mann, Board, Allen, Messrs Bolton, Tallman, Crane, Town, Parker, Brittan, Emmons, Hammond. 15.

Affirmative. Aldn McQueen, Aldn Thorp, Mr Depeyster. 3.

A Memorial was received from David [159] Dunham stating that he is owner of certain ground at the termination of Allen corner of North Street and commencement of First Avenue that agreeably to an Act of the Legislature passed 3d of April 1807. a part of said ground agreeably to the plan of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads on the Island is to be taken for public property; that petitioner has thereby been prevented from making any improvement of the same, though he has paid large sums laid thereon in Taxes and Assessments. That there is now a demand on him for $108. for his proportion for a Well and Pump at the commencement of the First Avenue, which he considers excessive and unjust.

He therefore prayed relief therefrom, and also that the Corporation would carry into effect the Law relative to said property, or releive it from the restrictions respecting improvements, wherewith it is at present incumbered; Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from a number of Owners and Inhabitants in Collect Street, praying that as the extending of the Sewer to Leonard [160] Street, is as they are informed to be deferred that the paving of said Street may be also delayed, and the same only gravelled; which on being read, was referred to the Street Committee with powers to comply with the request of the petitioners.

A Memorial was received from the Measurers of Grain, remonstrating against the proposed reduction of the fees for measuring, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of James OBrien for remission of penalty for not complying with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance, was read, and the penalty remitted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Mary McCann praying remission of fine incurred by her husband James McCann by throwing articles in the Street contrary to Law, was read, and referred to the Police Committee with powers to remit.

A Petition from Edward Nowland, praying remission of penalty incurred for noncompliance [161] with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance for which he was now imprisoned, was read and referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A Representation from the Vestry of St Mark's Church that the two pumps in Stuyvesant Street are both out of order, and praying the same may be repaired, was read, and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs, to make the necessary repairs.

A Petition of John De Hart for remission of fine for selling Poultry

in the Market without License, was referred to the Police Committee with powers to remit.

A Petition of Benjamin Van Cleef for an advance of a part of the sum awarded him on opening Harman Street, to enable him to remove his house standing thereon, agreeably to the order of the Board, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Bull for an appointment as City Surveyor, was read, and [162] referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition was received from John Smith stating that he is Owner of a Lot on Bleecker Street corner of Wooster Street, that he has received an order to fill up the same, but as he intends immediately to build on the Lot, he prays he may be exempted from a compliance with said order, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Basin at the foot of Canal Street, stating that a great quantity of filth having accumulated in the Basin from the discharge of the Sewer, the same had become extremely offensive, and praying the same may be remedied, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Richard Lyon to be permitted to remove two small frame Houses from Harman Street to Rutgers Street, and a similar Petition from Abraham Stagg were granted [163] under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Petitions for Appointments to the Office of Street Inspectors were received from Isaac L. Tompkins, Ebenezer Cole, Abraham S. Moore and Henry Mead and were referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Isaac Brown to hire the Slip at the foot of Marketfield Street, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Dennis Doyle in behalf of the New York Literary Institution, whose Agent he is, stating, that the said Institution are owners of a House and about twenty acres of land in the 9th Ward near the Botanic Garden; that in 1818. he paid agreeably to the demand of the Collector of arrearages of Taxes $65 $^{75}/_{100}$ Dollars, arrearages as he stated, due for the years 1811, 1812, 1813, 1815, and 1816, that upon examination he finds that the property upon which he paid said arrearages did not belong to the said Institution; that a claim is now made by the Collector for arrearages due upon the property above mentioned for the year 1815. and praying relief; which petition [164] was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants, Owners of Houses and Lots in Thompson Street between Canal and Spring Street was received, stating that part of said Street is on a dead level and consequently overflowed by each rain, and as the only remedy therefor, they pray that the Sewer that was proposed to be constructed in said Street be now built; which was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition from Jesse L. Hinds for relief from a Judgment obtained against him by default for selling liquors without a License, he being only a Clerk in the Store where it was sold, was referred to the police Committee.

A Petition that Bedford Street from Burton to Christopher Street may be regulated was referred to the Street Committee, and the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

An Account of William B. Cozzens for Dinner furnished on the 4th of July, was refer- [165] red to the Committee of Arrangements.

A Petition of sundry Hay Cartmen, remonstrating against reducing the Rates of Cartage of Hay, was read and laid on the Table.

The Committee to whom had been referred the Resolution respecting the rates of Cartage presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed, and the same directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies Vizt

Fire Engine Company No 7.

Jonathan Labaw, Currier, 6 Cherry Street, 4th Ward vice James G. Haviland, Resigned.

James Corse, Currier, 22 Cherry Street, 4th Ward. vice Joseph D. Gilpin, Deceased.

Robert Dean, Boot Crimper, 111 Mulbery St, 6th Ward. vice Richard Scott, Resigned.

John Huthwait, Brush Maker, 229 Water St, 2d Ward vice [166] Horace Cole, Resigned.

John Morrison, Chair Maker, 71 Mott St, 6th Ward. vice Henry Blades, Resigned.

No 11.

John F. Miller Junr, Carver, 23 Market Field St, 1st Wd vice Daniel Day, Resigned.

N° 18.

Richardson C. Willis, Merchant, 307 Pearl S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} vice Charles W. Abrahams, Deceased.

N° 31.

William Roff, Grocer, cor. Chapel & N. Moore S^{t}, 5th Ward vice William Durant, Resigned.

N° 33.

Barnard Smith, House Carpenter, 11 Essex S^{t}, 10th Ward vice William J. Baxter, Resigned.

Stephen Thorne, Ship Carpenter, Cherry S^{t}, 7th Ward. vice Abraham Craft, Joined N° 15.

Ebenezer Winship, Founder, Cherry S^{t}, 7th Ward, vice Clark Peckham, Resigned.

[167] William Laboyteaux, Founder, Water Street, 7th Ward, vice Adam Parker, Resigned.

Jeremiah Bunce, Founder, Cherry Street, 7th Ward, vice Samuel Hoven, Resigned.

David Brower, Boat Builder, Water Street, 7th Ward, vice Benjamin Sutton, Joined N° 40.

N° 36.

James Baldwin, Painter, 225 Spring S^{t}, 8th Ward. vice Richard Conklin, Resigned.

Luke Conklin, Shoe Maker, cor. Sullivan & Prince S^{t}, 8 W^{d}. vice Lewis R. Lorton, Resigned.

N° 37.

Thomas Howe, Grocer, Hester cor. Eldridge S^{t}, 10th Ward. vice William Bumsted, Expelled.

Ezekiel Leggett, Grocer, 119 Harman Street, 7th Ward. vice William Benedict, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquincies on the following Assessments, [168] Whereupon, Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis for collecting the same, Viz^{t}

Assessment	for building a Sewer in Canal Street.....	$60,663.50
D°	for Regulating & paving Rhynder Street.....	331. 5
D°	for Well in Mott Street between Grand & Brome Street	17.50
D°	for Well in Mott between Grand & Hester Street.....	24.50
		$61,036.55

He also presented a communication, stating that a House belonging to John R. Livingston Easterly corner of Cross and Little Water Street and two Houses belonging to Jacob Halsey on the Northerly side of Broome Street near Sheriff Street have been erected several feet upon the Street and to prevent a right being obtained by possession he thought it proper to make a Report of the same which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed, Viz[t]

For Regulating and paving Eldridge Street, from Broome to Delancey Street and Abraham [169] Bloodgood, John Targee & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

For Regulating and paving Washington Street from between Liberty to Courtlandt Street, and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors.

For Regulating Division Street from Arundle to Grand Street, with so much of Gouveneur Street as may make it necessary to conform to the regulation of Grand Street and Division Street, and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

The Attorney reported Complaints against A. C. Zabriskie for not sweeping the Street in front of his premises; and against James Byrnes for noncompliance with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance; also suggesting the propriety of suspending proceedings on complaints, where the cause of complaint has been removed; which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Viz[t]

N° 1	Rufus King, Charles King,	Owner, Agent,	Beach Street, A Lot.
2.	[170] William Few,	Owner,	Elm Street, D°
3.	Aug[s] Clawson,	Agent,	Sheriff Street, D°
4.	A. L. Stewart,	Owner,	Watts Street, D°
5.	D° Anna Hunter	Agent to	D° D°
6.	S[l] Booz	Lessee & Occupant,	D° D°
7.	S[l] Cuff	D° D°	D° D°
8.	S[l] Delamater,	Executor or Agent	Beach Street, D°
10.	Ja[s] Beekman, John Beekman, Silvia White	Owner Agent & Occupant	12 Essex Street, a Privy

9. J. Evans,	Owner,	10 Essex Street	a Privy
A. Bell & Hy Williams	Occupants		
11. Frederick Shonnard,	Owner,	35 Warren St,	Do
A. Thorne	Occupant		

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Counsel presented for Execution a Lease to John Vreeland which was directed to be duly executed.

He also on the petition of Clement Moore and John Jacob Astor Reported as follows;

[171] "The Counsel to whom was referred the petition of Clement C. Moore and John Jacob Astor, praying that the Board would consent to some arrangement by which a judicial decision might be expeditiously obtained as to the right of the Corporation to Assess the expence of working the Avenues upon those whose property is benefitted thereby.

Respectfully Reports,

That the Board long since after a full investigation of this subject, were satisfied of their right to impose such Assessments, and accordingly ordered them to be made; That the petitioners have not stated any facts, nor is the Counsel aware that any thing has since transpired, which would tend to show the opinion of the Board is incorrect. The circumstance of certain individuals wishing to obtain a judicial opinion upon this subject cannot be a sufficient reason for deviating from the ordinary course of proceeding. The Courts of Justice are open to the petitioners in common with all others, and it is not therefore necessary in order to enable them to obtain justice, that their request should be complied with, and it is much to be feared, that such a compliance would essentially interfere with the collection [172] of other Assessments, by making an impression that this Board entertained doubts as to their right to levy such Assessments.

The Counsel is therefore of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) Ogden Edwards

Which Report was directed to be filed, and the Street Commissioner ordered to proceed to Advertise the property for sale.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Eldridge Street Reported:

That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted; They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Eldridge Street be regulated and paved from Broome to Delancey Street and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
S. P. Brittan
(Signed) Isaac Emmons
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker

[173] Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed.

The Committee of Assessments on the petition of Robert Cheeseborough Reported as follows.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Cheeseborough, complaining that in the Year 1817. he had been Assessed for personal Tax in two wards of this City, that he had paid the Tax in the 9th Ward amounting to $3 6/100 and praying to be relieved from paying $90. assessed on him in the 6th Ward.

Report, That on an examination of the case, it appears the petitioner resided the first five months of the Year 1817. in the 9th Ward, that on or about the 1st of June in the same year, he moved into the 6th Ward, and was a resident there at the time he was assessed.

The fact having been clearly ascertained, that the petitioner did reside in the 6th Ward in 1817. and was regularly Assessed there, Your Committee are of opinion, that he is [174] bound to pay the Tax in that ward, deducting however, the $3 6/100 paid in the 9th Ward, to effect which, the following Resolution is respectfully. submitted.

Resolved, that the Collector of Arrearages of Taxes be instructed to receive from Robert Cheeseborough, Eighty six Dollars and Forty Cents and the Interest thereon in full of all demands against him for personal Tax in the 6th Ward for the Year 1817.

Cha[s] Town Ch[n]
Rob. Swartwout
(Signed) Tho[s] S. Townsend
John P. Anthony
Tho. Bolton

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of John Griscom Reported in the following words;

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Memorial of John Griscom, stating, that he had for several years past been called upon for taxes Assessed on his Academy in Green Street, and which, he has hitherto paid; but it appears very clearly in his opinion, [175] that this property is by the existing law exempt from taxation, and prays an immunity from the Taxes now Assessed, and a remuneration for the sums already paid.

Report, that on examining the Case, it appears that the Academy in question, is the private property of the petitioner, therefore not exempt from taxation; the Law exempting only those belonging to the public, Incorporated Societies or any Religious Society. In the list of exemptions the words "nor any Schoolhouse" are used, but in the opinion of the Committee only intended to apply to such as are erected at the expence of the Inhabitants of Villages. Corporations or Societies, in which a Schoolmaster is employed to teach; and not where an Academy or Schoolhouse is the private property of an individual, and who, of course is receiving the emoluments arising from the establishment, as is the case in the present instance.

With these views of the subject, Your Committee are of opinion, that the petitioner is not entitled to relief; and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Chas Town Chn
Rob. Swartwout
[176] (Signed) Thos S. Townsend
John P. Anthony
Tho. Bolton

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom had been referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the public Sewers, and recommending that those on Canal Chapel and Collect Streets be cleaned out.

Reported, that they have examined the subject, and are of opinion, that the Sewer in Canal, Collect and Chapel Streets ought to be cleared out; for which purpose, they submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs, be instructed to cause the Sewer in Canal, Collect and Chapel Streets, to be cleansed.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
(Signed) Isaac Emmons
Gerard De Peyster
Shivers Parker

[177] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, on the petition of William Allen, Inspector of Firewood for appointment to some other District;

Reported, That the petitioner is one of the oldest Inspectors of wood in this City, and it is beleived has performed the duties of that Office with fidelity and correctness; that his present income has been nearly nominal for some time past, owing to the removal of the Vessels that formerly frequented his District; that he has a family to support and is now too old to engage in any laborious occupation that the District he prays for is the ninth, which has lately been added to the one held by John Smith, and produces an income together of only $441. This sum is nearly the average income of each Inspector if we except those to the 1st and 7th District, which brings less than $100. and those to the 4th and 11th which brings exceeding $700. each. To the 4th and 11th there are two Inspectors appointed, and their income for the last year, was between [178] Eight and Nine Hundred Dollars each, twice the Amount of the general average.

The Committee are of opinion, that an additional Inspector may be appointed to the fourth District, without injustice to the persons on that station; as their income would still be greater than the general average of the other Districts, and as the petitioner is an old and respectable Citizen, and for more than Twenty Years has performed the duties of Inspector of this City, they beg leave to recommend to the Board his appointment to the aforesaid 4th District, and therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, That William Allen be and he hereby is appointed Inspector of Firewood to the fourth Inspection District, and that he, together with the Inspectors now on that station, perform the necessary duties of that office jointly, and receive and equally divide the income derived from the performance of said duties.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephen Allen
(Signed) Harmanus Tallman
Asa Mann

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and he appointed to the 4^{t} District accordingly,

[179] The same Committee on the petition of the Importers of Hay for further accommodation for Hay Boats at Duane Slip, Reported,

That the present accommodation of the Hay Boats comprises one birth at the Bulkhead, and the whole of the North side of the pier N^{o} at the foot of Duane Street; that in the opinion of your Committee, additional accommodations are necessary for these Boats, but owing to the rights secured the Lessee of Public Wharves, Piers and Slips, they have not felt themselves authorised to recommend an extension of the present accommodation without his concurrence; that they have applied to him for that purpose, and have now obtained his consent to appropriate, in addition to their present priviledge the west side of the pier they now occupy, which will give them the exclusive right to the whole of said pier; the Committee therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Boats bringing Hay to this City for sale, shall have the priviledge in preference to all other Vessels, to occupy the whole of the Pier at the foot of Duane Street, forming the west side of that Basin.

Respectfully Submitted

[180] (Signed) Stephen Allen
Harm^{s} Tallman
Asa Mann

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee of Applications on the petition of Walter Fowler for the appointment of Measurer of Grain Reported in the following words.

"The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the petition of Walter Fowler for Measurer of Grain, have made the necessary enquiry, and are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted; And offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Walter Fowler be, and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

(Signed) David Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The same Committee on the petition of Isaac Wilkins Jun^{r} for the appointment of City Weigher Reported in the following words.

"The Committee of Applications to whom was [181] referred the petition of Isaac Wilkins Jun^{r} for Weighmaster, are of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be graned; And offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Isaac Wilkins Jun^{r} be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher.

(Signed) David Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, and he was accordingly appointed.

Alderman Thorp presented the following,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to select a Scite for a public Bath, and Report the same to this Board, which was adopted and the following Committee appointed.

Alderman Thorp, M^{r} Parker, M^{r} Brittan, M^{r} Town & M^{r} Tallman.

Resolved, that the Commissioners of the Alms House, have authority to appoint, if in their opinion necessary, two additional keepers of the Penitentiary; and that if in their opinion proper, some of the Convicts be employed in cleansing out the Sewers in Canal, Chapple and Collect Streets.

[182] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 26th June	$44.03	
Received for Tax of 1819, 2^{d}, 3^{d}, 4th, 5th 7th, 8th & 9th wards	14,235.39	
" Streets	4,654.84	
" 6th Avenue &c	160.56	
" Wells & Pumps	41.43	
" Mayoralty Fees	126.50	
" Commutation of Alien passengers	90.00	
" Canal Street Sewer	600.00	
" Collect Street Sewer	300.00	
" Minetto Sewer	2200.00	
" Justices Courts, 4 & 6th 5th & 8th, 7th & 10th wards	751.58	
" Arrears of Tax	380.00	
" Penalties of Adam Mott for light Flour	36.30	
		23,620.63

25 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, watch 1st District	$981.75
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2^{d} Do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3^{d} Do	393.75
Daniel H. Magee, Keepers potters field 1 Month 1st Instant	37.50
Charles Gillman, Keeper Battery 1 Month 1st Instant	33.75
[183] Andrew M^{c}Cready, Keeper Park 1 Month 1st Instant	33.75
John W. Wyman, to pay Witnesses at Court Sessions	11.50
H. Waterbury, work at Mud Machine 12 days 8th Instant	93.75

Haydock & Jenkins, 7 Casks Oil	456.45	
Robert Provoost, repairing Lamps 1 Month 1st Instant	86.57	
Mechanics Bank, Interest on 12 Bonds 6 Months 1st Instant	4,596.62	
Peter Bonnett, Interest on Bond 6 Months 3d Instant	113.79	
Jas Wallace, Acct building Minetto Sewer	5,500.00	
O. Edwards, Costs in Supreme Court on widening Harman St	981.68	
Wm Church, Acct regulating Carmine & Clarkson Street and 6th Avenue	500.00	
John Randel Junr, Acct Maps &c. 9th Ward	378.00	
H. Weeks, Acct building Sewer Collect Street	300.00	
H. Smith, filling Lot corner of Warren & Washington Streets E. C. Genets lien on Lot	93.12	
[184] Alexander H. Mooney, repairing Intersections, Streets	30.12	
Reuben Ayres, for Earth and Stone at sundry Docks & Slips	139.78	
H. Smith, balance regulating and paving Liberty Street from Greenwich Street to Bulkhead	375.52	
H. Cockrane, balance paving Desbrosses Street from Washington Street to Bulkhead	225.99	
T. Lovett, balance Regulating and paving Reed Street from Washington Street to Bulkhead	1597.96	
Richard Furman, Superintendant Alms House	5000.00	
S. Allen Esqr, Treasurer Board of Health	1000.00	23,607.10
	Balance	$13.53

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight.

[185] In Common Council July 24th 1820.

Present. The Honbl Robert Swartwout Depy Mayor, President.
Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	Charles Town
David Board	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittan
Stephen Allen	Isaac Emmons
	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of William Bruce for remission of fine incurred by the Sale of Fire works called Crackers, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant relief.

[186] A Petition of Henry Cochrane stating that he is Contractor for regulating and paving sundry Streets, which Contracts he has complied with, and as there is delay in collecting the Assessments for the expences of the same, he prayed that some advance may be made to him on Account of said Contracts; which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Division Street between Arundle and Grand Street may be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Eldridge Street between Broome and Delancey Street;

For one at intersection of Prince and Mulbery Street;

For one on corner Pike and Henry Street, were referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 9th Ward near the intersection of the Bowery and 3d Avenue complaining of the want of water, [187] and suggesting the deepening of a Well in Nicholas William Street, which would remedy the inconvenience they suffer, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to report thereon.

A Petition of Henry Dickers, stating that he has been Taxed for fifty six Acres of Land in the 9th Ward as the property of the late Hugh Gain, whereas he does not own more than twenty acres and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A further Petition from Collectors of Corporation Assessments, praying that as another room cannot be furnished to them in the Hall for an Office, that the floor of the one they now occupy may be raised, which will in some measure correct its dampness, which was referred to the Committee of Repairs, with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of John Rathbone for permission to construct a Vault at N° 25 Cliff Street; and of Patrick Phelan to construct a Cistern in the Street in front of his House in De Peyster Street were severally read, and referred to the Street [188] Commissioner, to grant the same on the usual terms.

A Petition of Morris Ackerman for appointment as Street Inspector;

of William Briant for appointment as City Measurer,

and of David Hartwell for appointment also of City Measurer, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Smock for a Stall in Catherine Market; and of John D. Crawbuck for a Stall in the lower Fly Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A further Petition of Abraham L. Smith for relief from the payment of personal Taxes Assessed on him, was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant relief.

A Petition of William Winterton for relief from an under Assessment for personal Tax laid on him, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Andrew Allen to be appoint- [189] ed one of the lighters of the public Lamps, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants and proprietors of property in and near Dover Street, praying the same may be opened and widened as formerly contemplated, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments, and Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A Communication was received from John Stevens Esqr on the subject of an improvement in the construction of Water Closets &c., which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Reuben Snow Master of Brig Onslo, praying return of Costs charged him by the Attorney for not reporting three American passengers, which he was prevented from doing by being detained at Quarantine, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of John De Hart for relief from fine incurred by forestalling in the Market, and for which he is now in the Debtors prison, was [190] referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A Petition from the Owners and Inhabitants of Lots in Cornelia Street, praying that that part between the junction of Herring Street, and the junction at the 6th Avenue may be regulated, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Peter Smidt was received, stating that he is a Lessee of the Corporation and indebted to them for rent, that he has been prosecuted therefor and is in prison; that he is utterly unable to pay or to procure Bail, and praying to be discharged, which was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of John Ireland was received, stating that on the 16th August 1817, he paid the sum of $391 $^{43}/_{100}$ Assessed on Twenty six Lots belonging to him near Potters field; that this Assessment was laid on the supposition that the waters from those Lots, would on the

future regulation of the City, flow into Canal Street [191] and thence to the North River; that by subsequent regulation those waters ran a different course and fall into the Sewer in Carmine Street for which he is now Assessed $1140. that as the intention of the former Assessment has been made null by the regulations of the Corporation and no benefit derived by the Petitioner therefrom, he prays the Amount of former Assessment and Interest may be deducted from the present Assessment for the Sewer in Carmine Street; which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of sundry Owners of the Wharves and Piers between the Exchange and White Hall Slips, praying to be permitted at their own expence to extend Pier N° 3 further into the East River for the accommodation of the North River Sloops; was received and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Samuel Ratcliff to be permitted to erect a Shed over the door of his Grocery store corner of Hudson and Charlton Streets, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of sundry Owners and Occupants [192] of Lots in Hudson Street, praying that the side walks may be laid from Beach to Charlton Street, and the Carriage way paved from Canal to Spring Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the side walks in Crosby Street between Spring and Prince Streets may be paved, was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant the request of the Petitioners.

A Petition of Levi Hart for an advance of part of the sum awarded for damages on opening Harman Street, to enable him to remove a House directed to be removed from said Street was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to comply with the request of the Petitioner.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Free School Society in the City of New York was presented stating, that from the liberality of the State and of the Corporation they have been enabled to extend their sphere of usefulness and have established five Schools in which are gratuitously educated upwards of Twenty one hundred Children of the poor, and that notwithstanding the [193] Bounty of the State and the patronage of the Corporation, they are utterly unable to comply with the increasing calls for admission. That the Corporation on the 8th of August 1808. granted to the Society and their Successors forever the House and Lot in Chatham Street corner of Tryon Row to be occupied for the purposes of the Institution. That the Trustees are convinced that by the Sale of the said premises, they could erect

Buildings in other parts of the City, which would accommodate twice the number of Scholars at present accommodated in said Building; they for that purpose therefore solicit a grant in fee of said premises; whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Deputy Mayor stated that he had been served with a Certiorari issuing out of the Supreme Court to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty, directing them to certify to the Supreme Court all the proceedings had by them in relation to the building of the Sewer in Canal Street, and of the Assessment laid for the expences of the same, which was directed to be referred to the Counsel.

[194] A communication was received from Garrit Gilbert stating that the forming a General Index to the Records in the Registers office of the City and County of New York, which had been committed to him was in such a state of forwardness as to enable him to present for inspection the Index of Mortgages, and which he was prepared to present when convenient to the Board, or a Committee to examine and inspect; Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Joseph Chadwick to be permitted to remove a Frame House from the corner of Harman and Rutgers Street to the corner of Delancey and Essex Street, was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 7th & 10th Wards with authority;

And a Petition from James G. Reynolds to remove a House from Harman Street to Orange Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th & 7th wards with like powers.

An Account from John Vanderbilt for services and fees as Coroner for the last Quarter was presented and referred to the Committee [195] on Public Offices, and upon the audit of the said Committee, it was Resolved, that a warrant should issue in favor of the Coroner for payment of the same in the recess of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following Report Vizt

"The Comptroller respectfully Reports to the Board that he has examined the Accounts of George B. Smith, Collector of Arrearages of Taxes, from the commencement of the duties of his Office August 1st 1819. to 1st July 1820.

The Amount received by him in that time is		$12,913.22
Cash paid into the Treasury	$10,588.98	
" " Counsel for 31 Certificates	124.	
" " Errors in Taxes overpaid and refunded	30.55	
Commissions	2,169.69	
		12.913.22

It is but justice to the Collector to state that his Accounts are kept in a Methodical neat manner; and the arrangement of the business under his charge appears to be very correct and satisfactory.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

[196] Which was directed to be filed.

He also presented the following Report.

"The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully report;

That they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of Repairs, from 15th January to 14th July 1820. and find that he has received by warrants from the Corporation

	$9,330.45
for sundry Articles sold by him	52.37
Balance due the Corporation on last settlement, and now credited	49.05
	9,431.87
He has paid agreeably to Vouchers produced, 143 Accounts Amount	9401.71
Balance due Corporation July 14th 1820. to be Carried to Credit of New Acct	30.16

Signed, Geo. B. Thorp
S. P. Brittan
G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was directed to be filed.

The Superintendant of the Alms House [197] agreeably to a Resolution of the 8th of May, requiring him to lay before the Board an Estimate of the Supplies necessary for the Alms-House, Bridewell and Penitentiary for one year, presented a Report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney presented Reports of the following Cases, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. Vizt

Against Mr John Mowatt for not correcting a Nuisance;

Against a Mr McDermott for keeping a Dog that was troublesome;

Against Dobbs & Furman Street Contractors *from* [for] not removing the dirt from Bowery Lane and Forsyth Street; and

A statement of the case of Benjamin Conway a Cartman fined for forestalling fuel.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed, Viz[t]

N° 1.	F. V. C. White, Owner, Wm Cruikshank, Agent	Franklin Street, a Lot.	
2.	James Morris, Owner, Wm Cruikshank, Agent,	D°	D°, D°
3.	[198] Thos S. Clarkson, Owner,	D°	D°, D°
4.	Wm B. Crosby, Owner,	Henry & Market,	D°
5.	Stephen Gorham, Owner, H. Lot, Occupant,	Warren Street,	D°
6.	John Bingham Owner, S. Tracy, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
7.	Elias Burger, Owner, J. R. Mullany, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
8.	J. Money-penny, Owner, H. E. Ingraham, Occupant,	Washington Street,	D°
9.	J. Wood, Owner, J. S. Roulet, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
10.	J. Wood, Owner, T. Kelly, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
11.	Jas D. Westervelt, Owner, J. C. Ackerman, Occupant,	Chambers St,	D°
12.	Sl Bradhurst, Owner, D. Salters, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
13.	Sl Bradhurst, Owner, E. Patterson, Occupant,	Greenwich St,	D°
14.	Sl Bradhurst, Owner, Mr Collins, Occupant,	D°	D°, D°
15.	Jn° Battin, Owner, & Occupant,	D°	D°, D°
16.	D. Rogers, Owner, A. Stagg, Occupant,	D°	D° D°
17.	[199] J. Money-penny, Owner & Occupant,	D°	D° D°
18.	E. Burger, Owner, J. C. Halsey, Occupant,	D°	D°, D°
19.	E. Burger, Owner,	D°	D° D°
20.	Willm Batchelor, Owner,	Varick Street,	D°
21.	The Revd Jn° F. Jackson, Owner, J. C. Baker, Agent,	Bowery,	D°

22.	Rd Varick,	Owner,	Bowery, a Lot
23.	Geo. Janeway,	Do	Corlears St, Do
24.	Rt R. Hunter,	Do	Albany St, Do
25.	J. B. Murray,	Do	Church & Chambers St, Do
26.	J. I. Glover,	Do	Bensons Alley, Do
27.	S. Prince,	Do	Do Do
28.	R. H. Muller,	Do	Do Do
29.	J. M. Erick,	Do	Do Do
30.	Frans Depau,	Do	Do Do
31.	Dr Berger,	Agent,	Do Do
32.	Jno Bowman,	Owner,	Do Do
33.	Jno Heath,	Do	Do Do
34.	Geo. Bowman,	Do	Do Do
35.	Walter Bowne,	Do	Canal Street, Do
36.	J. Marsh, P. Slowry,	Do Occupant,	2 Lombardy St, Do
37.	S. Van Ransellaer, N. Jarvis,	Owner, Agent,	Mulbery St, Do
38.	J. C. Roosvelt, D. Doyle,	Owner, Lessee,	Oak Street, a Privy,
39.	[200] W. Bowne, B. Odell,	Owner, Lessee,	Do Do
40.	Wm & G. Post, E. Matthews,	Owners, Lessee,	James Street, Do
41.	Miss Crygier, A. Parker,	Owner, Occupant,	Liberty Street, Do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of Lispenard Street between Broadway and Church Street in order that the regulation might be determined on; which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also on the Petition of Robert Hobson and Benjamin Bull for appointment of City Surveyors, presented the following Report, which was directed to be filed.

"The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petitions of Robert Hobson and Benjamin Bull praying to be appointed City Surveyors,

Respectfully Report, that he has duly considered the subject, and also taken the opinion and advice of the Street Committee thereon,

there are now six acting Surveyors and as the [201] business is diminished in proportion to the improvements that are going on; he is satisfied that the public service does not require any more City Surveyors, and that in his opinion, it would be inexpedient to make any appointments at present.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John McComb
Street Commissioner.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, and John G. Betts appointed Collector on each, Vizt

For a Well and Pump near Willet Street,
For regulating Bedford Street from Carmine Street to Low's line,
And for paving Beach Street between Hudson and Chapel Street,
And for paving Walker Street, between Chapel and Beach Street.

The Counsel presented the following Communication. Vizt

"The Counsel herewith submits for execution the Draught of a Lease to Rodman Bowne and Samuel Bowne of the Ferry from Catherine Slip to the foot of Maine Street at Brooklyn for nine- [202] teen years from the first day of May last. This Lease has been prepared in pursuance of the Report of the Ferry Committee upon this subject and of subsequent directions given by them.

These directions were, first, that the Lease should be made to Samuel and Rodman Bowne, second, that the Ferry granted should be from Catherine Slip to the foot of Maine Street at Brooklyn, instead of from Catherine Slip to Brooklyn. To this alteration Mr Bowne has consented. Third, that the Lessees shall have the Ferry House and the Lot appertaining to the Ferry during the continuance of this Lease. This House and Lot Mr Rodman Bowne has considered as an appurtenance to the Ferry, although it is not expressly mentioned in his Lease, and has heretofore occupied it as such.

The Counsel also submits for the acceptance of the Board a release from Rodman and Samuel Bowne and wife of the westerly side and half part and Northerly or outer side of a certain pier on the Easterly side of the Ferry Slip at Brooklyn, now used by Messrs Bownes, and also a small block or pier at the outlet of the Slip. This release is made in pursuance of a former agreement with the Corporation,

[203] Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed, and the Release was accepted, and directed to be filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

The following persons were appointed Fire Wardens and Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Wardens 2d Ward.

Cyrenus Beers, Merchant, 4 Cliff Street, 2d Ward. vice John R. Willis Resigned, time expired.

William Colgate, Tallow Chandler, 43 John St, 2d Ward vice Latham Stratton, removed out of the City.

Fire Engine Company No 4.

David Wallace, Accomptant, 180 Pearl Street, 1st Wd vice Stephen Frost, Deceased.

No 12.

John Leake, House Carpenter, 496 Pearl Street, 6th Ward vice Peter Riker, served his time out.

[204] Fire Engine Company

No 13.

John B. Wright Accountant, 307 Pearl Street, 2d Wd vice Henry H. Treadwell, left the City.

No 14.

John Colgate, Tallow Chandler, 53 Robinson St, 3d Wd vice John J. Crocheron, Removed to the Country.

No 21.

James N. Gifford, Merchant, 134 Greenwich St, 1st Ward vice George Burchill, Resigned.

No 33.

Charles Miller, Ship Carpenter, Water Street, 7th Wd vice John Halsey Resigned.

George Rapelyea, Grocer, Grand near E. River, 7th Ward vice Jonathan C. Bennett, Resigned.

No 37.

Schuyler Valentine, Grocer, Hester cor. Ludlow St, 10th Wd vice Whitman Platt, Resigned.

[205] The Superintendant of Repairs on the petition of the Vestry of St Marks Church for the repairing of a Well in Stuyvesant Street, Reported, that in his opinion neither of the Wells were worth re-

pairing, and as they stood, the one in the centre of the 2d Avenue, and the other at the intersection of Stuyvesant and Eleventh Street, he recommended that a new one be sunk; which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the remonstrances of the Owners and Inhabitants at Exchange Slip against being assessed for expence of filling in and building Sewer in Exchange Slip, Reported as follows:

"The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of James W. Lent and others, remonstrating against the propriety of Assessing their property for filling in, and building the Sewer in Exchange Slip,

Report, That the Slip alluded to was ordered to be filled in, and the Sewer extended, at the instance, and on the petition of some of the present Remonstrators. That the justness of Assessing the expence of extending said Sewer upon the property for which it is a Drain, can- [206] not in the opinion of your Committee be doubted for a moment.

That the expence of building or repairing Sewers, and the two thirds of that for filling Slips, has always been borne by the property in the vicinity of the improvement, and should the Corporation depart from this rule in the present instance, they would in justice be bound to refund a large amount of money paid for these objects by the owners of property in various parts of our City; Your Committee are of opinion therefore, that the request of the Memorialists cannot be complied with, and they propose the following resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that the complaints of the Memorialists are unfounded, and it is therefore inexpedient to comply with their request.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Harms Tallman
Abm Valentine
Asa Mann
Robert McQueen

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for [207] extending the Canal Street Sewer and filling in the Basin at the foot of said Street.

Reported, that the Basin alluded to is under Lease to Mr J. Lowerre at the annual rent of Five hundred Dollars, and is used for storing Timber, the water being too shoal for the accomodation of Vessels; that the condition of said Basin is similar to other Slips on the margin

of our Rivers, which at low water emits a smell, to some very disagreeable; but that no more danger is apprehended to the health of the Inhabitants in its vicinity, than to others who reside in the neighborhood of the Slips on the East River; that in addition to the loss of revenue which would be incurred, the expence of filling in this Basin and extending the Canal Street Sewer, would be great; and in the opinion of your Committee, neither the finances of the Owners of property, who have already been heavily assessed on that Street, nor that of the Corporation will warrant the measure prayed for. The Committee are of opinion therefore that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted, and they propose the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant [208] the prayer of the Petitioners.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Harm^{s} Tallman
Ab^{m} Valentine
Asa Mann
Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Dennis Doyle in behalf of the Literary Institution Reported as follows.

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Dennis Doyle, praying that an error may be corrected in payment of arrears of Taxes on property in the 9th Ward, belonging to the Literary Institution, Report,

That the property under the care of the petitioner was purchased and Leased of the Corporation by the late Robert Lilburn, the Taxes for which has been regularly paid except for the year 1815. That Thomas W. Gilbert the then Collector of Arrears, presented to M^{r} Doyle a bill for sixty five Dollars seventy five Cents for Taxes due on Lots N^{o} 56 & 59, designated by the Assessors of the 9th Ward as the property [209] of R. Lilburn or the Corporation; that M^{r} Doyle paid this bill beleiving it to be for the property late R. Lilburns, and now belonging to the Literary Institution, for which he was the Agent; that it appears however that Lots N^{o} 56 & 59 was then owned by the Corporation, and was not disposed of untill May 1817. at which time, they were Leased to George Strites for six years at an annual rent of Forty Dollars; that the taxes on the property under the care of M^{r}

Doyle for 1815. amounts to Sixty four Dollars & eighty Cents, and the Taxes he has wrongfully paid is Sixty five Dollars seventy five Cents, and he prays, that the error may be rectified by authorizing him to liquidate the said sum of Sixty four Dollars Eighty Cents, by the amount wrongfully paid as aforesaid.

The Committee are of opinion, that the request of the Petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, and they therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of arrears of Taxes be authorised to credit the property owned by the Literary Institution under the care of D. Doyle with sixty five Dollars and seventy five Cents, being the Amount paid by said Doyle [210] to the late Collector, for Taxes on Lots N° 56 & 59.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
(Signed) B. Crane
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of R. Strong J. M[c]Kesson and Thomas C. Taylor praying their Acc[t] for services as Commissioners for opening Dover Street be paid Reported:

That they have examined said Account and beleive the charges to be just and equitable, and therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that a warrant be reported by the Comptroller for Three hundred and ninety five Dollars thirty seven Cents in favor of R. Strong, J. M[c]Kesson and Thomas C. Taylor for services rendered by them as Commissioners in the matter of opening Dover Street.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
[211] (Signed) S. P. Brittan
B. Crane
J. Hammond

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and a Warrant directed to be reported accordingly.

The same Committee on the Petition of John Smith, praying further time for payment of Assessment for Sewer in Canal Street Reported, That in their opinion, the owners of property on Canal

Street, and its vicinity have no claim for indulgence on this Board, inasmuch as every means have been sought for, by a majority of them at least, to obstruct the collection of the monies expended in improving the property on that Street and its neighborhood, and the sums which ought to have been received in the Treasury a Year ago, is still withheld by them for the purpose of raising further objections to its payment,

Your Committee are of opinion also, that the petitioner will experience no difficulty in borrowing the Amount necessary to pay his As- [212] sessment on the security of his property; for it is notorious, that there never was a time in this City, when money could be easier obtained on Loan than the present, and they therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of John Smith the Petitioner.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
(Signed) B. Crane
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee presented the following.

" The Finance Committee beg leave to state to the Board, that the Collector of arrearages of Taxes is much embarrassed in the performance of his duty, in consequence of his not being furnished with a Warrant to enforce payment on delinquents; and the Committee beleiving it to be both necessary and expedient that such warrant should be granted, beg leave to propose the following Resolution,

[213] Resolved, that the proper warrant be executed authorising the Collector of arrears of Taxes to levy on the goods and Chattles of delinquents returned to the Chamberlain by the Ward Collectors, agreeably to the Act of the Legislature on that subject.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
(Signed) B. Crane
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Memorial of sundry Dealers in Grain praying a reduction of the fee for measuring, Reported in the following words.

" The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Merchants of Albany, Troy, Lansinburgh and Waterford Dealers in Grain, praying a reduction in price of measuring from One Dollar per 100 Bushels to Fifty Cents,

Respectfully Report,

That they investigated the subject, and do [214] beleive that such a reduction would be inexpedient, inasmuch as it would be 33 per Cent less than the price was 25 Years ago, when double the business was done by half the number of Measurers.

In justice to the Measurers, Your Committee have to state that the price of Measuring had been voluntarily lowered by them, some time previous to the presentment of the aforesaid Petition from One Dollar to Seventy five Cents per 100 Bushels.

They would therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsellor of the Board have the Ordinance relative to the Measurers of Grain so amended, as that for every hundred Bushels, they shall be entitled to receive seventy five Cents instead of One Dollar.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

B. Crane Chairman
(Signed) Gerard De Peyster
Abr[m] Valentine
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[215] The same Committee on the petition of the Pawn Brokers Reported in the following words

*" The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a petition from the Pawn Brokers praying that the Corporation would so amend the Ordinance regulating Pawn Brokers, as to allow them to purchase second hand or other goods after the setting of the Sun, also to allow them an increase rate of premium on advances made and to reduce the price of License from Fifty to Thirty Dollars.

Respectfully Report,

That the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted; And therefore offer the following Resolution.

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 40.*—ED.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and that they have liberty to withdraw their petition.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) B. Crane Chairman
Gerard De Peyster
Abr[m] Valentine
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[216] The Committee on Applications to whom had been referred the Petition of sundry Dealers in Domestic Spirits Reported in the following words.

"The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the within petition of a number of Distillers and Dealers in the article of Domestic Spirits, praying to have the Resolution passed by this Board (to prohibit an Inspector in that article being appointed a Guager) rescinded.

Your Committee have examined the subject and find that great inconvenience and delay result to the Dealers in that article, and that no good can result to the community by that Resolution remaining in force, and your Committee are of the opinion that it ought to be rescinded; And beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Resolution prohibiting an Inspector of Spirits, being appointed a Guager, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

(Signed) D. Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of [217] William Stuart to be appointed a City Weigher

Reported, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and beg leave to introduce the following Resolution.

Resolved, that William Stuart be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher.

(Signed) David Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Brown, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration; and the Comptroller was directed to enquire from Aaron Ogden whether he relinquished his Lease of that Slip.

The Market Committee to whom the petition of John Harriot was referred for Stall N° 38 Catherine Market, beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm[s] Tallman
(Signed) Cha[s] Town
Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker

[218] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Frazier Broadway for Stall N° 16 Fly Market Reported, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm[s] Tallman
(Signed) Charles Town
Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance against the encroachment upon Dey Street by Richard Varick Reported;

That in the Month of March last Richard Varick petitioned the Corporation to establish the permanent line or North Boundary of Dey Street from the South Easterly side of Greenwich Street to Washington Street.

That his petition was referred to the Street Committee who had an interview with him, and [219] agreed to report in favor of running the line of the North side of Dey Street, between Greenwich and Washington Streets, from the corner of Greenwich Street along the line of the new buildings below Washington Street It does not appear however that the Committee ever reported, or that the Board took any further order upon the subject.

Col. Varick without waiting for the Committee to report, and for the order of the Board upon their report, has commenced laying the foundation of a building at the North East corner of Dey and Washington Streets, upon the line which that Committee agreed to report in favor of.

The Owners of the property in the same block fronting on Dey Street, conceive that they will be aggreived by his doing so, and have remonstrated against it.

Col. Varick insists that the ground in question is his private prop-

erty. If such is the fact, he of course is entitled to the occupation of it without the consent of the Corporation.

It however appears satisfactorily to the Committee, that it has been used as a public highway for more than Thirty years. This use has given to the public an absolute indefeasible right of way over it. Of this right, the Corporation [220] does not possess the power of depriving them for neither the Charter nor the Acts of the Legislature authorise the closing of any Street, or any part of a Street in any other manner than through the intervention of Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in pursuance of the Act of 1818. under these circumstances, Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to alter the North line of Dey Street, between Greenwich and Washington Streets.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^{n}
(signed) Harm^{s} Tallman
Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan

A Resolution was offered by Alderman Mann directing the Street Commissioner on M^{r} Varicks ceding the North side of Dey Street between Greenwich and Washington Street to fix the line for M^{r} Varick as requested by him.

The Question agreeably to the rules of order, being first taken on the Report of the Committee, the same was carried in the affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann were as follows;

[221] Affirmative. Alderman Anthony, Thorp, M^{r} Valentine, Tallman, Crane, Town, Brittan, Emmons, De Peyster, Hammond. 10.

Negative. M^{r} Recorder, Alderman Tooker, Townsend, M^{c}Queen, Mann, Board, Allen, Mess^{rs} Bolton, Parker. 9.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition that the 2^{d} Avenue between North and First Street be regulated;

Reported, That they have examined the situation of this part of the Avenue, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Your Committee have also viewed the situation of Elnathan Underhills house standing on the 2^{d} Avenue at the corner of North Street. They find that in the Year 1816. M^{r} Underhill received $1850. being the full Amo^{t} as awarded him for property taken to open the 2^{d} Ave-

nue. They are therefore of opinion that the house should be removed from off the Avenue.

For which purpose they present the following Resolution.

[222] Resolved, That Elnathan Underhill be directed by the Street Commissioner to remove his house from off the 2d Avenue by the first day of May next.

Resolved, that the second Avenue between North and First Street be regulated, and the Curb and Gutter Stone laid down, Provided, that the proprietors of the Land do pay all expences.

Rob. Swartwout Chn
Asa Mann
(signed) Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition that First Street between the Bowery and first Avenue be regulated;

Reported, That they have viewed the situation of First Street and are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that First Street be regulated and the Curb and Gutter Stone laid from the [223] Bowery to the First Avenue, with so much of the First Avenue as may be necessary to make it conform to the regulation of First Street, and that an Ordinance be reported to that effect.

Rob. Swartwout Chn
Isaac Emmons
(signed) S. P. Brittan
Asa Mann
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for regulating Bedford Street from Burton to Christopher Street;

Reported, that they have personally viewed the situation of Bedford Street, and are satisfied that it will be for the Interest of the Street to extend the regulation to Christopher Street.

They therefore submit the following for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that Bedford Street be regulated from Burton to Chris-

topher Street, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

[224] Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
Asa Mann
(signed) S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

M^r Emmons representing that a Lot in Mott Street near Spring Street required being filled in, the subject was referred to the Street Committee.

A Resolution was presented directing the time of paying to the Commissioners of the School fund the monies directed by Law to be paid to them, which having been read, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Resolution directing the Iron Fence to be continued around the Park, was presented, and referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Allen Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following;

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorised during the recess of the Board, to execute Bonds [225] to the Mechanics Bank for $61,129 $^{82}/_{100}$ Dollars at an Interest of 6 per Cent per Annum, for the purpose of cancelling the same Amount issued to the Contractors of the Canal Street Sewer at an Interest of 7 per Cent and now held by that Bank. Which Resolution was adopted.

He also presented the following; Resolved, that Warrants be executed during the recess of the Board, for the Amount of such Bonds issued by this Corporation, as the Finance Committee shall direct to be paid; and that such Warrants be reported to the Board by the Comptroller at the next meeting.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to take the necessary measures to enforce the payment of rent in arrear by distress in all cases, and in case of there not being sufficient goods to satisfy the rent in arrear, to take the necessary measures to obtain possession of the premises.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 10^th Instant	$13.53	
[226] Received for Excise	1371.75	
" " Minetto Sewer	4,000.00	
" " Rents	15,628.91	
" " Justices Courts 5 & 8^th 7^th & 10^th wards	452.90	
" " Tax of 1819. 3^d ward	2,500.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	86.34	24,103.43

26 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st District	$981.75	
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2d Do	645.75	
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3d Do	393.75	
John W. Wyman, to pay Witness at Court ordered 12th Instant	30.00	
B. Skaats, for ringing 16 Bells 4th Inst	36.00	
Jacob Smith Junr, repairs Engines 12th June to 14th July	67.12	
H. Waterbury, work Mud Machine 12 days to 22d Instant	105.10	
Jas Wallace, Acct building Minetto Sewer	2,000.00	
Geo. Lovett, Acct building Block and Bulkhead Roosevelt Street Slip	1,500.00	
Thomas Lovett, Acct regulating Canal Street	1,500.00	
[227] John Targee and Associates Commissioners fees and expences, and $100. valuation buildings, widening Harman Street	800.00	
John Randel Junr, Maps &c. 9th Ward on Account	373.00	
J. Pangburn, Superintending Clarkson and Carmine Street Sewer	100.00	
J. Bailey, Acct paving Side walks Bowery from North to Jones Street	100.00	
P. Debaun, Acct regulating Bleecker and Herring Street	300.00	
T. Scott, Acct paving Dey Street from Greenwich to Washington St	200.00	
J. Bailey, balance due on Ludlow Street	226.97	
J. Bailey, balance paving Anthony Street	26.16	
Hugh Donocho, balance of Well in Allen Street	52.91	
Robt Pettigrew, Acct Well and Pump Willet Street	49.13	
R. Pettigrew, balance Well Thompson Street	42.00	
R. Pettigrew, balance Well Walker Street	26.80	
[228] J. P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs for Docks and Slips	498.00	
J. P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs for Lamps	344.00	
J. P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs for Fire Department.	100.00	
J. Fleming, to pay 32d Dividend City Stock due 1st August 1820	13,500.00	
		24.078.44
Balance		24.99

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight.

In Common Council August 7th 1820.

Present. The Honbl Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
[229] David Board	Stephen P. Brittan
George B. Thorp	Isaac Emmons
Stephen Allen	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The following letters from the Mayor of the City of Troy, and from the Chairman of the Committee of that City for soliciting Donations, were presented, read, ordered to be filed and published.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to communicate to you a Copy of a Resolution this day passed by the Common Council of this City expressive of their grateful acknowledgments for the liberal Donation presented by the Citizens of New York for the releif of the sufferers by the late fire in this place, Charities of this description where the Donors must in almost all instances be strangers to the objects of their bounty, afford a striking exemplification of the benevolent principles of that Religion which teaches us to regard the whole human family as our brethren, and [230] seek to releive human wretchedness wherever found; while at the same time by evincing the predominancy of these principles over the more sordid and selfish passions of the heart and the prevalence of those refined feelings which are brightest and distinguishing ornament of civilized society they must be regarded by all as raising the City of New York to that pre-eminent rank in the moral, which she has long held in the Commercial world.

Be assured that the liberality and kindness of the Inhabitants of New York on this occasion are only appreciated and will long be held in grateful recollection by the Corporation and Inhabitants of Troy.

Permit me on their behalf for this liberality and kindness to tender to you, and through you to all those to whose benevolence and exer-

tions our distressed fellow Citizens are indebted for this extensive and necessary contribution for their relief the most cordial thanks.

With sentiments of great respect
I am Your Obed[t] Serv[t]

(signed) Esaias Warren Mayor

Troy August 4[th] 1820.

Hono[ble] Cadwallader D. Colden
May[or] of New York.

[231] Troy 4[th] August 1820.

Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden
Mayor of the City of New York,

Sir,

Yours of the 31[st] Ult[o] is received with Six Thousand two hundred and twenty seven Dollars $^{25}/_{100}$ collected in the City of New York for the relief and benefit of the indigent sufferers by the late destructive fire in this City. This liberal donation from the Citizens of New York entitles them to our warmest gratitude, and permit us sir, to declare to you and to them that this kindness cannot be forgotten; and that our Citizens will give it in charge to their children to remember, that New-York sympathized with Troy in the day of her calamity and distress, and contributed liberally to releive her poor and unfortunate.

Have the goodness Sir, to request the honorable Corporation and the gentlemen who consented to serve on the different Ward Committees, to accept our unfeigned thanks for their prompt attention to the distressed situation of our City, and for all their benevolent exertions in our behalf. Be assured Sir, the Committee will to the best of their ability, apply all that [232] is received for the relief of the Indigent Sufferers, and we hope the kindness they experience from abroad, will stimulate them to that industry, enterprize and good conduct, without which they must be altogether unworthy to receive supplies from the hand of Charity.

With every sentiment of esteem and gratitude,
I am Sir Your Most Obed[t] and very
Humble Servant,

(signed) Gurdon Corning
Chairman of the Committee of Relief

A Communication of the Board of Health received by them from the Assistants of the Board of Health stating that several Corpses

were interred in one grave at Potters-field, which was considered at this season of the year as improper; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places with authority to give directions in the premises.

A request from the Historical Society and the Lyceum of Natural History, to be permitted to exchange with each other a room granted to the Historical Society, and a room occupied by the Lyceum by permission of [233] the U. S. Military Philosophical Society, which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the request.

A remonstrance of certain owners of Lots on Hudson Street, against the petition for paving Hudson Street between Beach and Charlton Street, was read and laid on the table until the coming in of the Report of the Street Committee on that subject.

The Report of the Street Committee in favor of paving the Street, was afterwards presented and agreed to.

A Report made by the Health Commissioners to the Board of Health, on the subject of constructing Water Closets, which subject had been referred to them by the Common Council, was read. In this Report the Health Commissioners recommend a particular construction of Water Closets with Valves, and also recommend the introduction of a more abundant supply of water into the City. The construction of wharves with stone around the City, and prohibiting in future the interment [234] of the Dead within the City. Which being read, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of John M^cComb for appointment of Assistant Keeper of Convicts, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms-House.

A Petition of John Livingston for pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants, praying the repeal of the Law prohibiting the signs from being extended over the Streets; and a Petition from Thomas Jackson keeper of the Bulls-head Tavern praying to be permitted to erect a sign at his House, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Butchers of the Grand Street Market, praying to be permitted to construct an Ice House under the Market, was referred to the Market Committee, with authority to grant the request of the petitioners.

[235] A Petition of Josiah Tilley for permission to construct a Vault in Mott Street;

of Henry W. Bool to construct one in Rutgers Street corner of Henry Street;

and of John Rooke to construct one in Rutgers Street next to the corner of Henry Street; were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Inhabitants in Harman Street objecting to the paving of said Street from Chatham Square to Rutgers Street only, but praying that Harman Street may be paved to its junction with Grand Street, which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Egbert Davis praying to be relieved from the payment of a personal Tax assessed upon him in the 2d Ward for the Year 1819. he having been Assessed and paid a Tax in the 1st Ward; was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Howard Street, and a petition for a Well and Pump [236] in Grand Street between the Bowery and Eldridge Street, were referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants representing the African Burial Ground in Chrystie Street as in a very offensive situation and dangerous to the Public Health was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places, with authority to direct the evil complained of to be remedied.

A Petition of Whitfield Case to be permitted to remove through the Streets a frame Dwelling House from Chatham square to the corner of Ridge and Stanton Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th & 10th Wards, with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of the Owners and Inhabitants in Pitt and Willet Streets praying said Streets may be regulated from Grand to Broome Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[237] A Petition of Reuben Clark one of the Captains of the City Watch, stating that several prosecutions have been commenced against him by Individuals, for acts done in the line of his official duty, and though in all cases judgment has been rendered in his favor, yet costs have been incurred by him, and praying relief; which having been read, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Charles C. Williams to be appointed a City Guager, was read and granted, and he was appointed accordingly.

A Petition of Alexander Coffin Agent of the State Prison was received, stating that from the decayed situation of the Dock of the State Prison, the Inspectors of the State Prison are under the necessity of repairing the same, and requesting to be informed who the Owner of the Lot on the North side is, and whether he cannot be compelled to unite with the State in running out the Bulkhead, as great expence would be thereby saved to the State; which having been read, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[238] A Petition of William Slowly for remission of fine for not having Rates in his Hack Carriage, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition from Abner Cox for relief from penalty incurred by not having a sign with his name thereon at his Grocery Store in Lombardy Street, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Records for appointment of Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers, and Slips.

A Petition of Isaac Russell was received, stating that on the 1st May 1819. he Leased from the Corporation a House and Lot bounded by Beach, Chapel, and Walker Street; that he has been at great expence in repairing the premises; that he has lately been called upon for payment of an Assessment of $156 $^{31}/_{100}$ for regulating and paving Walker and Beach Streets, and praying to be exempted from payment of the same; which being read, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Charles Brooks to be releiv- [239] ed from paying a Tax assessed on him, he being Insolvent; was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of James Calhoon corner of Orange and Leonard Streets, complaining that the adjoining lot requires to be raised, as the water runs from it into his cellar; was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Blackledge to be released from payment of Tax for House in Columbia Street Assessed in 1811. he having paid the same to Andrew Hegeman the then Collector, but whose receipt is mislaid; was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Cornelison for payment of sum awarded him for valuation of his Lot, corner of Washington and Courtlandt Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Complaint by a number of Inhabitants of a pond of water between Hudson and [240] Collester Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William H. Ireland and others, owners of ground lately purchased from the Corporation at the foot of Dey Street, praying that the Slip opposite their property may be filled in, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Charles Mooney for payment of Balance due him on Contract for paving Broadway and Canal Street; was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of Andrew Fash, praying that certain Costs of Suit paid by him to Mr Campbell Clerk of the Justices Court, may be refunded to him, was read and leave given the petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial from James Votey and others requesting permission to regulate the Streets between Carmine and Burton Streets was read, and laid on the table.

[241] A proposition of Richard Varick respecting the Streets around his place called "Tusculum" was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies Vizt

Fire Engine Company No 6.

James Graham, Painter, North Moore Street, 5th Ward. vice Abraham Campbell, Deceased.

James Donaldson, Grocer, Greenwich & Hubert St 5th Wd vice John Poland, left the City.

No 8

Joseph P. Fisher, Tallow Chandler, Anthony & Collect Streets 6th Ward. vice James Smith, time expired.

No 25.

Thomas Milldeberger, Clerk, Nassau Street, vice Stephen Balster, Resigned.

[242] Fire Engine Company No 31.

Peter J. Berry, Carpenter, 35 Vandam Street, 8th Wd vice Edward Appleby, Removed to the Country.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication recommending that an order be given to build a Bulkhead or wharf between

Courtlandt Street and the Bulkhead about the Center of Dey Street, and that so much of the Lots fronting on Dey Street be filled in, so as to compleat the Street; which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, with authority to direct the same to be done.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed. Viz[t]

For a Well and Pump in Mulbery Street near Prince Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump in Eldridge Street between Broome and Delancey Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

[243] For a Well and Pump in Henry Street near Pike Street, and Abraham Boudouine, John Brower and Abraham Dally were the Assessors.

For regulating First Street from the Bowery to the first Avenue; and for regulating part of the second Avenue and laying the Curb and Gutter Stone therein, and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and Alexander Clark were the Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Charlton Street near Varick Street, and for paving Hubert Street from Chapel Street to S[t] Johns Lane, and for regulating and paving S[t] Johns Lane between Beach and Laight Street, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed, Viz[t]

N[o] 1.	J. Lawrence, J. Conrey,	Owner, Agent,	Franklin Street, a	Lot
2.	J[s] Warner,	Owner,	D[o]	D[o]
3.	J. M[c]Kesson E. De Witt	Agent to	D[o]	D[o]
4.	[244] E. Anderson,	Owner,	D[o]	D[o]
5.	J. Morris, Wm Cruickshank,	Owner, Agent,	D[o]	D[o]
6.	Wm Howell,	Owner,	D[o]	D[o]
7.	Corn[s] Ray,	D[o]	S[t] Johns Lane,	D[o]
8.	Wm W. Woolsey,	D[o]	D[o]	D[o]
9.	John M[c]Vicker J[r]	Agent,	D[o]	D[o]
10.	Ab[r] L. Stewart,	Owner,	D[o]	D[o]

11.	Harman Le Roy,	Owner,	S^{t} Johns Lane,	a Lot
12.	W^{m} M^{c}Kean,	D^{o}	D^{o}	D^{o}
13.	J. Bartine,	D^{o}	Thompson Street,	D^{o}
14.	A. L. Stewart,	D^{o}	S^{t} Johns Lane	D^{o}
15.	Geo. Strathoof,	D^{o}	Watts & Sullivan S^{t}	D^{o}
16.	D. Adams,	Lessee,	Canal S^{t}	D^{o}
	F. Anderson,	Occupant,		
17.	R^{t} R. Hunter,	Owner,	Cedar S^{t}	D^{o}
18.	J^{s} T. Leonard	D^{o}	D^{o}	D^{o}
19.	Jos^{h} Nelson,	D^{o}	Franklin S^{t}	D^{o}
20.	Jn^{o} Reid,	Lessee & Occup^{t},	8 Vestry S^{t}	D^{o}
21.	R^{t} M. Livingston,	Owner,	Hudson & Vestry S^{t}	D^{o}
22.	Noah Jarvis,	Agent,	Crosby S^{t}	D^{o}
23.	G. Franklin,	Owner,	Prince S^{t},	D^{o}
	G. Ferris,	Agent,		
24,	Mason,	Agent,	Nassau S^{t},	D^{o}
	Mrs. Whitehorne,	Occupant,		
25.	Tunis Tiebout,	Owner,	Front S^{t}	D^{o}
	C. Coggeshall,	Occupant		
26.	[245] S. Jackson,	Owner,	South S^{t},	D^{o}
	Lockwood Deforest & Son	Occupants,		
27.	S. Cowdry,	Owner,	Cherry S^{t},	D^{o}
	J. Underhill,	Occupant,		
28.	J. Underhill,	Lessee & Occup^{t},	D^{o},	D^{o}
29.	E. Anderson,	Owner,	Laight S^{t},	D^{o}
30.	Grove Wright,	D^{o},	D^{o},	D^{o}
31.	John H. Contoit,	D^{o},	Franklin S^{t},	D^{o}
32.	N. M^{c}Vickar,	D^{o},	D^{o}	D^{o}
33.	M^{c}Tice	D^{o},	Spring S^{t}	D^{o}
34.	A. L. Stewart,	D^{o},	Watts & Sullivan S^{ts}	D^{o}
35.	W^{m} M^{c}Laughlin,	D^{o},	Banker S^{t},	D^{o}
	C. Conolly,	Occupant,		
36,	J. Brown,	Owner,	D^{o},	D^{o}
	C. Conolly,	Occupant,		
37.	J. Lucas,	Owner,	Laight S^{t},	D^{o}
38.	Ezra Weeks,	D^{o},	Spring S^{t},	D^{o}

39.	A. Burtis,	Lessee,	Bowery, a Lot
	N. Norcross,	Occupant,	
40.	Hy Trappan,	Owner,	Greenwich St, a Privy
	T. Mills,	Occupant,	
41.	G. Haight,	Owner,	Harman St, Do
	J. Carr,	Occupant,	
42.	J. Ball,	Owner,	Moore St, Do
	J. McKiggin,	Occupant,	
43.	S. Bowden,	Owner,	Pump St, Do
	M. Darby,	Occupant,	
44.	[246] J. Anderson,	Owner,	Republican Alley, a Privy
	A. Duncan,	Occupant,	
45.	W. Bowne,	Owner,	Banker St Do
46.	Ogsbury,	Do	Banker & James, a Lot
	Jno Largee,	Lessee,	
47.	W. Bowne,	Owner,	James St, Do
	Benjn Odell,	Lessee,	
48.	Wm & J. Post,	Owners,	Do Do
	E. Matthews,	Lessee,	
49.	De Peyster,	Owner,	Do Do
	Wm Bethel,	Lessee,	

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Attorney Reported complaints made to him by the Deputy Clerk of the Washington Market against Martha Ireland for selling in the Market without a permit; and against Ann Story for refusing to leave the Market when ordered by the Deputy Clerk; which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller communicated the reply he had received from Aaron Ogden signifying his desire of continuing possession of his Lease at Market-Field Street, which together with [247] the Report of the Ferry Committee on the petition of Isaac Brown presented at last meeting and laid on the table, were referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Comptroller Reported he had examined the Account of B. Skaats with the Receipts, of fuel purchased, and finds there is a Balance due the Corporation on 28th July 1820. of $22 $^{80}/_{100}$ which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented the following Report: "The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that Abraham Hart the Lessee of the Hay Scales at the foot of Duane Street, has neglected to pay his rent dur-

ing the last twelve Months and that he is as the Counsel has been informed insolvent, and that his security is dead and died insolvent. The Counsel therefore recommends that his Lease be annulled. He has prepared a resolution for this purpose, which is herewith submitted.

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

In Common Council August 7th 1820.

Whereas the Mayor Aldermen and Com- [248] monalty of the City of New York did on the first day of March A D. 1819. give and grant unto Abraham Hart, leave, license and permission to weigh Hay at the Hay Scales, situate and being at the lower end of Duane Street in the fifth ward of said City for the term of three years from the first day of May then next subject to an annual rent of One Thousand eight hundred and Thirty Dollars in quarterly payments, on the usual quarter-yearly days, subject nevertheless to a proviso that if the said rents or any part thereof should be behind and unpaid for the space of ten days after any day of payment on which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, that then those presents and every thing therein contained should cease, determine, and be utterly null and void. And whereas the said Abraham Hart has neglected to pay the said rent, in pursuance of the said provision, therefore,

Resolved, that the said Lease or agreement, and every thing therein contained, shall cease, determine, and be utterly null and void.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board serve a Copy of the foregoing Resolution, and recital on said Hart.

[249] Whereupon the Resolutions proposed were adopted.

And it was Resolved, that the subject of again Leasing the Hay Scales be referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to act in the premises.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Hone, praying that the Corporation would grant to him the exclusive right to establish a Ferry from the Northern boundary of his present grant to Charlton Street and from thence to Hoboken: Reported in the following words.

That on the 16th day of September 1819, the Corporation granted to Charles Watts the right of establishing a Ferry from that part of the City which extends from the Northern boundary of the limits of the grant of the Hoboken Ferry to Philip Hone to Christopher Street inclusive and from thence to the usual landing place at Wheehawk and to any other point not exceeding one Quarter of a Mile therefrom, for

the term of fifteen years subject to the payment of a nominal rent for the first five years, to the payment of Fifty Dollars annually for the [250] second Five years, and Two hundred Dollars for the last Five years of his term. Mr Watts covenanted to keep one Team Boat constantly on the said Ferry suitably provided for the transportation of passengers: In pursuance of his covenant he put a Team Boat on said Ferry and run it for about Five Months, but that he has not run any boat on the same for Five Months last past. His Lease provides, that if he fails to comply with any of his covenants, that then it shall be lawful for the Corporation to re-enter and to have and enjoy the said Ferry as fully as though no lease had ever been granted him.

As he has failed to comply with his covenants it is of course optional with the Corporation to re-enter upon the Ferry. The Lease also contained a proviso that it should at all times be lawful for the Corporation to establish so many ferries as they might deem expedient from the above mentioned limits on the New York shore, to any point on the Jersey shore not within one quarter of a mile of the landing at Wheehawk.

Under these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that there is no legal impediment in the way of granting Mr Hones petition.

The Ferry was granted to Mr Watts with a [251] view to the accommodation of the upper part of the City, and in consequence of the failure of Mr Watts to comply with his Covenants, the object of the Corporation has not been answered.

The Inhabitants in that part of the City are very solicitous for the establishment of a Ferry there, and a number of them have united in favor of Mr Hones application.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, to wit;

Resolved, that a Lease be granted to Philip Hone of the exclusive right of establishing a Ferry to New Jersey from the North boundary of his present Lease to the foot of Charlton Street, and the exclusive right of establishing a Ferry to Hoboken, from thence up to Christopher Street, for the term of fifteen Years at the same rent which was reserved in the Lease to Charles Watts, and also that his present lease be extended so as to expire at the same time at an annual rent of Eight hundred Dollars for the period of time it may be so extended, provided he will forthwith put two good sail Boats on the Ferry, and will put a Horse Boat on the same on or before the first day of May next, and also provided he procures landing for the same [252] on each side of the Ferry at his own expence, the landing place on the New

York Shore to be at any place within Two hundred feet of the foot of Spring Street, but not within the Slip.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Lease in conformity to the foregoing resolution, and embracing the usual covenants.

Resolved, that the Lease of the Ferry from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to Charles Watts dated the sixteenth day of September 1819, be and the same is hereby vacated and annulled, and further, that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to serve upon the said Charles a Copy of this Resolution

Respectfully Submitted

(signed) Thos S. Townsend
Asa Mann

Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee of applications to whom was referred the petition of Ammi Chase for the appointment of Wood Inspector, are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

[253] And offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Ammi Chase be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood for the Seventh District.

(Signed) David Board
Gerard De Peyster

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and he was accordingly appointed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner relative to the Profile of Lispenard Street,

Reported as follows,

"Having viewed the situation of Lispenard Street, Report, that in our opinion, that part of the Street, between Church Street and Broadway ought to be regulated with an asscent and descent of ¾ of an Inch on Ten feet as shewn on the profile herewith, which they recommend to be adopted; therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Lispenard Street between Church Street and Broadway be regulated with an asscent and descent of ¾ of an Inch on Ten feet.

(Signed) Rob. Swartwout Chn
" Shivers Parker
" S. P. Brittan
" Asa Mann
" Isaac Emmons

[254] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the within Petition, praying that Cornelia Street may be regulated from Herring Street to the Sixth Avenue, and that the width thereof may be increased from 40 feet to 50 feet.

Report, that they have examined the situation of Cornelia Street, and also duly considered the remonstrance against widening the said Street, and are decidedly of opinion that the improvements as prayed for, ought to be granted.

Therefore beg leave to present the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that Cornelia Street be regulated from Herring Street to the Sixth Avenue, and that an Ordinance be prepared to that effect, also Resolved, that Cornelia Street be widened on the Southerly side to fifty feet and that the Counsel to the Corporation take the requisite measures for that purpose.

(Signed) Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
" Stephen P. Brittan
" Shivers Parker
" Asa Mann
" Isaac Emmons

[255] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition that the side-walks in Hudson Street may be laid from Beach to Charlton Street and that the Carriage way may be paved from Canal to Spring Street, presented a Report; the remonstrance against the same presented this evening was read: the Report of the Committee was read and is in the following words.

"The Street Committee to whom the annexed petition was referred, praying that the side walks in Hudson Street may be laid from Beach Street to Charlton Street, and that the Carriage way may be paved from Canal to Spring Street,

Report, that they have duly considered the subject, and are of opinion, *and are of opinion* that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. For which purpose they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the sidewalks in Hudson Street be paved from Beach Street to Charlton Street, and that the Carriage way be paved from Canal to Spring Street; and that the [256] Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
Isaac Emmons
(Signed) Asa Mann
S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker

The Question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution proposed by the Committee, the same was carried in the affirmative.

The same Committee on the Petition that Division Street between Grand and Arundle Street may be regulated and paved:

Reported: that they have carefully examined the subject referred, and are of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Therefore present the following for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that Division Street be regulated and paved from Arundle to Grand Street, and that an Ordinance be prepared to that effect.

Rob. Swartwout Ch[n]
Isaac Emmons
(Signed) Asa Mann
S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker

[257] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Henry Cochran, stating that a considerable balance remained due to him for Contracts with this Board, and praying releif,

Reported: That there appears to be an uncollected balance due the Memorialist on Hudson Street of $1784 $^{73}/_{100}$ for which the property Assessed is liable, and has been advertised for sale by the Street Commissioner agreeably to Law; and also a further balance on Cedar Street of $39 $^{94}/_{100}$ and on Rhynder Street of $318 $^{28}/_{100}$, both of which, are still in the hands of the Collectors, and it is expected will be shortly paid.

The Committee are of opinion, that the Memorialist has no claim on this Board for the payment of these balances until they are received into the Treasury, inasmuch as the Contracts alluded to, as well as all others of a similar nature, are made with the express understanding of the parties, that the money is not to be paid them until it is collected and received into the Treasury.

The Committee find however, that the practise of the Board, has been in these cases [258] after the return of the Collector, and the advertising of the property, to grant such relief to the Contractors as the State of the Finances, and the circumstances of the case would warrant; and as the Memorialist is represented to be a poor man and is laboring under serious inconvenience for the want of this money, they beg leave to recommend that there be advanced him One Thousand Dollars in part of the balance of his contract for Hudson Street; and they propose the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that whenever there shall be any unappropriated money in the Treasury, the Comptroller report a Warrant for One Thousand Dollars in favour of Henry Cockran, in part of his Contract for Hudson Street.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
J. Hammond
S. P. Brittan
B. Crane

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom [259] was referred the Invitation of Mr Gilbert to examine the general Index of Mortgages lately finished Reported in the words following.

"The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred Mr Gilberts Invitation to examine the General Index of Mortgages just finished,

Respectfully Report,

That in addition to their previous Superintendance, they have examined said Index, and pronounce it a most valuable work, and one that has been much wanting, the execution of which exceeds the most sanguine expectations of your Committee and no doubt its benefits will be imparted to the latest posterity.

Your Committee, however are of an opinion that an application to the Legislature of this State ought to be made at their next Session to place the Registers Office under the Superintendance of the Corporation, that the index's may be kept up, else a considerable waste of money to this Board will have been made.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) B. Crane Chn
" Tho. Bolton
" Rob. Swartwout
" Abrm Valentine
" Gerard De Peyster

[260] Which being read, was directed to be filed.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Memorial praying for the priviledge of extending further into the River the middle Pier (No 3) between Whitehall and Exchange Slip, Reported:

That the pier alluded to is known as Pier No 3 on the East River, and is sixty eight feet less in lenghth than the Piers on each side of it.

That the Petitioners propose to extend this pier to the prominent line of Two hundred and fifty feet from South Street, at their own expence, and to appropriate it to the accommodation of the North River Vessels usually resorting to that part of the City. The Committee are of opinion, that the improvement is a useful one, and as the expence is to be borne by the petitioners and others interested, that there cannot be an objection to granting the priviledge requested, and they therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Middle Pier, between White Hall and Exchange Slip, known as pier N° 3 East River, be extended to the prominent [261] line at the expence of the proprietors of the Lots interested in said Pier, and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Herm^{s} Tallman
Abr^{m} Valentine
Asa Mann
Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of William Winterton Reported in the words following:

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William Winterton, complaining that in the year 1819. he was assessed in ward for $1000. Dollars personal property, which he considers excessive, as he is not worth more than one fourth of that Amount.

Report, that on examining the case, it appears that in 1818. he was not assessed at all, in 1819, he was assessed $1000, and this year $250. The Committee are satisfied that the petitioner is not worth the Amount assessed on him in 1819. [262] and are of opinion that he is entitled to relief and respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of arrears of Taxes be instructed to receive from William Winterton the Tax on $250. amounting to One Dollar and eight Cents, in full for personal Tax Assessed on him in the Ward for the Year 1819.

(Signed) Cha^{s} Town Ch^{n}
Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony
Tho^{s} S. Townsend

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of John Ireland, Reported in the following words.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John Ireland, praying that a sum of money paid by him for opening Canal Street may be remitted upon the ground that the same land upon which that money was Assessed is again Assessed on account of the Common Sewer in Carmine Street. Report:

That Canal Street was opened principally for the benfit of those who [263] owned property in that part of the City. That Commissioners were appointed by the Common Council in pursuance of the Act for the purpose of apportioning and Assessing the expence among the Owners of property according to their respective benefits. That it was a proceeding to which the Corporation was not a party, but merely actors in the first instance, for the benefit of those interested in the improvement, as in the ordinary cases of opening Streets; and judges upon the confirmation of the Reports, if there was any error in judgment it has not in any way inured to the benefit of the Corporation.

And the Committee can discover no more reason for taxing the City Treasury for errors of judgment committed by the Members of the Common Council, while acting in a judicial capacity for the benefit of the others, than for taxing the Treasury of the State with the consequences of errors in judgment, committed by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

The change which has taken place in the regulation of the Streets, by which the water from Mr Ireland's land is made to flow in a different direction, was made from a conviction, that it would be for his advantage in Common with [264] others, to have that alteration made, and not with any view to the benefit of the property of the Corporation.

The Commitee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of Mr Ireland's Petition.

(Signed) Chas Town Chn
Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony
Rob. Swartwout
Thos S. Townsend

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Henry Dickers Reported in the following words.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Henry Dickers, praying to be releived from the payment of Taxes for the years 1817. 18 & 19. imposed upon property in the 9th Ward, in his name, on the ground of his being charged, in part, with property belonging to other persons.

Report, that having examined the As- [265] sessment books of the 9th Ward for the above years, they find in the year 1817. the Estate of Hugh Gaine is charged with Fifty six acres of Land on the Middle Road, of which, the petitioner, is stated to have been then the occupant, and that in the years 1818. and 19. the same property called Fifty six Acres is charged in the name of the petitioner.

By a reference to the Map of the 9th Ward, it appears, the ground covered by the above Assessment consists of Lots N° 92 & 86 containing Eleven Acres which are owned in Fee by the above named Henry Dickers. Lots N° 69, 70, 75. 76. 81. 89. & 95 containing Thirty seven Acres were originally under lease from this Board to Hugh Gaine and John Kemp, which leases have been transferred to the Petitioner. also Lots N°s 82, 87 & 88 containing sixteen and one half Acres owned by Samuel Thompson, Elbert Anderson and Robert, Cheesebrough. That by the petitioners own admission, he is by right of fee simple in possession of N°s 86 & 92 and by right of Lease from this Board he is also in possession of seven other Lots containing together Forty eight Acres, and that for the Lots last mentioned, he is now paying rent to the Corporation, as by reference to the Accounts of the Collector of Quit Rents, [266] will fully appear. It also appears, that of the taxes of the years 1817. 18 & 19. assessed on the abovementioned Forty eight Acres, no part is paid either by the petitioner or any other person, excepting the sum of $11. Dollars paid by him to Thomas W. Gilbert, which is credited on the Books of arrears of Taxes.

The Committee are of opinion, that no good reason can be offered, why the land, either owned by, or under Lease to the petitioner should be exempt from its regular proportion of Taxes. The following Resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the Collector of arrears of Taxes be instructed to receive from Henry Dickers the sum of $52 $^{8}/_{100}$ on Account of the Tax of 1817. $43 $^{68}/_{100}$ on Account of Tax in 1818. and $40 $^{8}/_{100}$ on Account of the Tax of 1819, together with the Interest thereon, being the proportion of Tax due on Forty eight Acres of Land occupied by

him in the 9th Ward, deducting therefrom, $11. the Amount paid by him on Account of the Tax in 1817.

Chas Town Chn
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony
Thos S. Townsend

[267] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of David Dunham, Reported in the words following.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of David Dunham, in which he states, that he is owner of certain property at the termination of Allen, corner of North Street and commencement of the first Avenue.

That part of said property agreeably to a Law of this State, passed the 3d day of April 1817. and agreeably to a plan and Map of the City and County of New York as proposed by the then acting Commissioners, will be taken as public property. that in consequence of that Law, the said property has been rendered of no value to the petitioner as it deprives him of the right of making any improvements, or of using it to advantage, and prays the Corporation to fulfil the intention of the Legislature by their Act above alluded to.

The petitioner also complains of having been unjustly Assessed for sinking a Well and the erecting of a Pump, at the commencement of the First Avenue, which cost $213. of which sum [268] he has been called on to pay one half, and praying to be releived from a part thereof.

Report, that as it respects the Pump, they have examined the Assessment and a Map of the premises, and find that the petitioner is owner of one half of the Lots on which the Assessment was laid. The Committee are of opinion that the Assessment is a correct one and that the petitioner is not entitled to relief. The following Resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner as it relates to the erection of a Pump at the commencement of the First Avenue, ought not to be granted.

Your Committee further Report, that as it respects the vacant ground first mentioned in the petition, which, when taken, is intended for a public square and the improvement of one of the Streets, that it is, in their opinion, a proper subject for the Street Committee and the Street Commissioner, and ought to be referred to them. to effect which, the following Resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that, that part of David Dunham's petition which relates to "certain property [269] at the termination of Allen, corner of "North Street and commencement of the First Avenue" be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

Chas Town Chn
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony
Thos S. Townsend

The Question being taken on the several Resolutions proposed they were adopted

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorised to affix the Common Seal to the petition to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the case of Cornelia Street, during the Recess of the Board.

Resolved, that the petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Basin at the foot of Canal Street, complaining of a nuisance at that place be referred again to the Committee that had that subject under consideration (the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips) with the addition of the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th & 8th Wards, to make further enquiry into that subject and report thereon.

[270] A Motion was made by Alderman Mann to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on rates of Cartmen.

A Motion was then made that the Board now adjourn; the Question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and Noes being called by Alderman Mann were as follows.

Ayes. Alderman Anthony, Swartwout, Board, Thorp, Allen. Mr Tallman, Crane, Town, Brittan, Emmons, De Peyster & Hammond. 12.

Noes. Alderman Tooker, Townsend, McQueen, Mann, Mr Bolton, Valentine, Parker. 7.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 24th July.....	$24.99	
Received Subscription to City Loan 1st Instalment.....	13,570.00	
Do Do Do 2d Instalment.....	186,430.00	200,024.99

67 Accounts Audited.

Mechanics Bank 4 Bonds and Interest to 1st Instant.....	70,812.01
[271] State of New York, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant	33,600.00
Gerardus A. Kuypers, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant...	3,166.25
Peter Schermerhorn, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant....	15,787.50
Simon Remsen, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	2,742.56

Rem Remsen, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	2,742.55
David Stebbins & H. Overing's bond assigned.....	4,399.55
Thomas S. Townsend, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant..	1,907.51
Samuel Thorne, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	634.90
John Hunter, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	965.26
Silas Lord, 4 Bonds and Interest to 1st Instant.....	8,901.91
Peter Bonnett, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	3,269.03
Joseph Dederer, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	4,394.67
Egbert Benson, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant.....	2,070.00
[272] Elisha W. King, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant..	1,899.22
Ocean Insurance Company, 1 Bond and Interest to 1st Instant	8,706.62
John Vanderbilt, Coroner 1 Quarters fees 1st July.....	457.25
	166,456.79

The above were issued 31st July, agreeably to a Resolution of the Common Council on the 24th July.

Anderson & Leek, Watch 1st District.....	981.75
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2d Do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3d Do	393.75
R. Furman, Superintendant Alms House and Officers 1 Quarters Salary 1st Instant.....	537.50
Wm Hogland, Keeper Penitentiary and 3 Assistants 1 Quarters Salary 1st Inst.....	500.00
R. Graves, Assistant Street Commissioner 1 Quarters Salary 1st Inst.....	325.00
G. Sickels, Keeper City Prison and 2 Assistants 1 Quarters Salary 1 Inst.....	300.00
Jacob Morton, Clerk C. Council 1 Quarters Salary 1st Instant	275.00
John Fleming, Treasurer 1 Quarters Salary 19th July.....	100.00
J. Burger, Regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Quarter 1st Instant	50.00
[273] Samuel Hutchings, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	54.25
Jonathan Pinckney, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant...	54.25
Abraham Ackerman, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant..	54.25
Wm J. Waldron, Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	45.50
Obadiah Ayres, Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	45.50
Astin & Cochran, Messengers 1 Month 1st Instant.....	52.00
Daniel H. Magee, Keeper Potters Field 1 Month 1st Instant	38.75
Charles Gillman, Keeper Battery 1 Month 1st Instant.....	34.87
Andrew McCready, Keeper Park 1 Month 1st Instant.....	34.87
B. Skaats, to buy fuel for City Hall and Watch Houses....	600.00
O. Ayres, removing Nuisances 3 Months 5th Instant.....	65.31
Wm B. Cozzens, Dinner 4th July.....	792.59
Thos Brown, Music Do	30.00
J. Ritchie, preparing Ammunition for Troops 4th July.....	89.53

[274] George L. Birch & Co., printing 1 Quarter 1st Instant	340.50	
N. Phillips, Subscription National Advocate 1st Feby to 1st August	54.16	
Wm Gee, posting Bills	49.00	
M. McClonehan, 1 Quarters Rent Room Justices Court 7th & 10th Wards 1st Instant	31.25	
J. Vanderpool, 1 Quarters Rent Room Justices Court 1st 2d 3d Wards 1st Inst	20.00	
P. Townsend, Clerk Police Office Expenses 6 Months 1st July	21.79	
H. Waterbury, work Mud Machine 12 days 5th Instant	96.25	
David Lyon, Hose for Engines and repairs 7th Feby to 15th July	435.67	
Pierre C. Van Wyck, District Attorney in full to 1st July 1819	2,057.65	
H. Smith, filling Lot, Little Water Street, M. L. Davis lein on Lot	186.80	
H. Smith, Do corner Spring and Orange Street, Lein on Lot	35.12	
Jas Wallace, Acct Contract Minetto Sewer	2,700.00	
H. Smith, Acct paving Elm Street from Hester to White Street	1,300.00	
[275] J. Thompson and Associates, making Assessment Minetto Sewer	800.00	
H. Weeks by his Attorney J. Fleming Acct Collect Street Sewer	700.00	
T. Lovett, Acct regulating Green Street from Grand to Spring	200.00	
J. Bailey, Acct paving Bowery side-walks from North to Jones Street	150.00	
R. Strong, J. McKesson and T. C. Taylor, Commissioners opening Dover Street	395.37	
R. Pettigrew, 1st Instalment Well Charlton Street	28.35	
G. Snethen, Superintending & Lighting Lamps 1 Month 1st Inst	722.11	
Chs H. Robinson, 21 Casks Oil	877.29	
Robt Provoost, repairing Lamps 1 Month 1st Inst	80.88	
Daniel Biggs, work at Lamps 1 Quarter 1st Inst	31.62	
Mechanics Bank, Interest on 8 Bonds at 7 per Ct Exchanged for 9 Bonds at 6 per Ct same Amot 1 Month 1st Instant	356.59	
Richard Furman, Superintendant Alms House	5,000.00	
[276] Richard Furman, Superintendant Alms-House for 3d Avenue	2,000.00	
		191,227.61
Balance		8,797.38

Board adjourned to this day fortnight at 5 oClock.

In Common Council August 21st 1820.

Present. The Honbl Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Benjamin Crane
Thomas S. Townsend	Charles Town
John P. Anthony	Shivers Parker
Robert Swartwout	Isaac Emmons
Robert McQueen	Gerard De Peyster
Asa Mann	Judah Hammond
David Board	
[277] George B. Thorp	
Stephen Allen	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Return from the keeper of the Bridewell of the persons now confined therein, which was directed to be filed.

A Petition was presented from Philip Durnford for Release from a fine incurred by selling liquor without License upon which he was imprisoned, which on being read, it was Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

A petition of Sarah Pell wife of Joseph Pell praying a delay of six Months in the collection of the Assessment on Lots corner of Washington and Courtlandt Streets, assessed for improvement of said Street; was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A representation was received from Garrit [278] Gilbert Register of Deeds for the City and County of New York, stating that the present room assigned for his office was not sufficiently spacious for keeping the Records, and praying another may be assigned to him, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Matthew Ochlmayer, praying for pecuniary aid to enable him to return with his family to Germany, from whence he had lately emigrated; was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms-House.

A Petition of Thomas Zabriskie for remission of fine for not renewing his Hack License in the time prescribed by Law, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

An Account was presented from James L. Bell High Sheriff for services of Peace Officers in attending the Courts of the City, which was referred to the Board of Supervisors.

A Petition of William Thurman for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without [279] License, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A request of George T. Trimble Treasurer of the Free School Society, that the sum of $1500. granted to the Institution by the Legislature out of the Excise fund might be paid, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from Abraham Foster of a Model for Gates to be used in public Enclosures, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Brown for remission of penalty incurred by taking dirt from the Streets was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Townsend for Stall N° 5 Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

The following Report from the Board of Supervisors, which was directed to be laid before the Common Council, was presented and [280] read.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of John W. Wyman Clerk of the Sessions Reported, that not yet having given said Accounts that deliberation which they consider them entitled to, and as M^r^ Weyman has represented himself as in great want of the Balance due him (say about $1400.) the Committee recommend an advance of $500. on Account, and for that purpose offer the following Resolution;

Resolved, that the sum of $500. be paid John W. Wyman on Account, and that the Comptroller report a Warrant accordingly.

(Signed) Sam^l^ Tooker
Stephen Allen
Peter A. Jay
David Board

Whereupon Resolved, that a warrant be reported for $500. in favor of John W. Wyman agreeably to said Report.

A Memorial of Silvanus Miller as Trustee of Leffert Lefferts Owner of Lots N° 203 & 205 in the second Ward, which lots are part of the ground and premises intended for the Scite of a New Market, and which upon an application of the Corporation [281] to the Supreme Court have for that purpose been valued by Assessors appointed by the said Supreme Court, and praying that the Corporation would take the said premises at the valuation of the As-

sessors, which having been read was referred to a special Committee, consisting of,

The Recorder, Alderman Swartwout, Thorp, Mr Hammond & Mr Bolton.

And it was also Resolved, that the petition of David Dunham presented on the 10th July last and referred to the Committee on Streets, be now referred to the above Committee.

A Petition that Clark Street may be paved and regulated, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that Canal Street between Broadway and Church Street may be paved, and that an alteration may be made in the Flues of the Canal, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Williams for payment of balance due him for regulating fourth Street, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[282] A Petition of John Stoothoof for appointment of Deputy Clerk of Fly Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Delancey and Essex Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Jesse Warner for appointment as Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Jotham Handy to be permitted to remove a Frame House from Harman Street to Collect Street on rollers, was referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the 7th & 6th Wards, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 28 praying that a larger Engine may be granted to them;

And a Petition from Fire Engine Company No 8, praying that certain alterations and repairs may be made to said Engine, which [283] being read, were referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Fleetwood Marsh for remission of Interest on a Tax assessed on him in the 9th Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from A. Arden for relief from a Tax imposed on her, she being a resident of New Jersey, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A presentment of the Grand Jury of the August Session was laid before the Board and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Corporation.

A Report was received from George B. Smith Collector of arrears

of Taxes of property on which there remained arrearages due from 1811. to 1818, which was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Complaint of the situation of the Well and Pump in Broadway corner of Murray Street [284] was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to remedy the evil complained of.

A Memorial from sundry Owners of Lots in Harman Street, praying that the digging out and regulating of said Street East of Rutgers Street may be postponed until the Spring, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Jane DeGray for relief for an Assessment laid on her for improving Harman Street, was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to give relief.

A Petition of Abraham Hart Lessee of Hay Scales at the foot of Duane Street, stating his inability to pay the rent due from him, and offering to devote the future receipts of the Scales to the extinguishment of the debt, was read and the whole subject was referred to the Finance Committee to act as they should judge adviseable for the interest of the Corporation.

A Petition of Peter Robinson a Licensed Pedlar for relief from a suit instituted against him for selling Goods in the Market, was [285] read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Communication of Joseph Simpson City Sealer on the subject of the regulation of Weights and Measures, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Hugh Smith for remission of penalty incurred by taking dirt out of the Street contrary to the Ordinance in that case made and provided, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The Street Commissioner presented for the inspection of the Board a new Map of the City by John Randel Junr, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner represented that some time last fall the regulation of Dey Street between Washington and West Street was compleated and the Assessment confirmed; but a remonstrance having been presented, it was referred to the Committee on Assessments, but the papers having been mislaid on the change of the Committees, it has not been acted on; that [286] the Contractor is desirous of receiving his pay as the Contract is compleated, and the Street Commissioner recommended the case to the consideration of the Board; Whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner made a return of certain Lots of Land which had been sold on Lease for non-payment of Assessments the period for which they had been sold having expired, he recommended that they be advertised agreeably to Law for the Owners to claim them, which was approved, and he was directed to advertise them accordingly.

He also agreeably to the request of James Fairlie Esquire laid on the table a Map of the City, which Mr Fairlie presented to the Common Council; whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted, and that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to return the thanks of the Common Council to Mr Fairlie for his Donation.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Broome Street from Varick to Sullivan Street which was confirmed, and John G. Betts appoint- [287] ed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Vizt

For paving the side-walks in Hudson Street from Beach to Charlton Street, and the Carriage way from Canal to Spring Street, and for regulating Cornelia Street from Herring Street to the Sixth Avenue, and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating and paving Division Street from Arundle Street to Grand Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Dally and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating Bedford Street from Carmine to Christopher Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, Benjamin Prince and John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

Also for regulating and paving Harman Street from Chatham Square to Rutgers Street, and John Targee, John Brown[er] and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

Also for opening, cleansing and repairing the drain in Mill Street, and for relaying the pavement, and Abraham Baudouine, James [288] Barrow, and Abraham Bloodgood, were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Vizt

No 1.	James J. Roosevelt,	Owner & Occupt	Maiden Lane,	a Lot
2.	Do	Executor,	Do,	Do
3.	Js Murray, Mrs Van Willingen,	Executor, Occupant,	47 Duane St,	Do
4.	Lewis Hartman,	Owner,	Renwick & Canal Sts	Do

5.	Jas McCready Senr	Owner,		Renwick Street, a	Lot
6.	Alexr L. Stewart	Do,		Watts & Canal Sts	Do
7.	Do	Do,		Thompson St,	Do
8.	Do	Do,		Watts St,	Do
9.	Jacob B. Taylor, E. Owens,	Agent, Lessee,		Leonard St,	Do
10.	Stephen D. Beekman,	Owner,		Laurens St,	Do
11.	Lemuel Wells,	Do,		Hudson St,	Do
12.	Alexr L. Stewart,	Do,		Do,	Do
13.	Wm Paulding Junr	Do,		Do,	Do
14.	R. S. Kissam,	Do,		Provoost St,	Do
15.	P. Rhinelander,	Do,		Jay St,	Do
16.	Do	Do,		Washington & Harrison St	Do
17.	E. Clark, R. Williamson,	Owner, Occupant	23	Catherine Lane	Do
18.	[289] Js Robertson,	Owner,		Sheriff Street,	Do
19.	N. Misplee,	Do,		Do,	Do
20.	L. Lefferts,	Do,	34	Fletcher St,	Do
21.	Mott & Williams,	Do,	36	Do,	Do
22.	Hy Simmons,	Do,	38	Do,	Do
23.	P. Stuyvesant, C. Jordan,	Do Agent,		Chrystie St	Do
24.	Job Furman,	Lessee,		Essex St	Do
25.	Hy Pope, M. McKittrick,	Owner, Occupt		Oak Street,	Do
26.	Stephn Van Courtland,	Owner,		Elizabeth St,	Do
27.	Do	Do,		Hester St,	Do
28.	Beverly Robinson,	Agent,		Greenwich St,	Do
29.	J. B. Taylor, E. Owens,	Do Lessee		Leonard St,	a Privy
30.	B. Strong, J. Mercer,	Owner, Occupt	5	Doyer St,	Do
31.	A. Johnson, A. Van Tassel,	Owner, Occupant		Mulbery St,	Do
32.	J. Cox,	Owner,	72	Forsyth St,	Do
33.	Seaman & Mott, C. Powell,	Do, Occupant,		Grand St,	Do

(signed) George Cuming.
City Inspector

The Comptroller Reported, that the sum of [290] $665. had been received as Commutation for Alien Passengers from 31st January to 1st Instant.

The Attorney presented Reports of the following complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. Viz[t]

Against William Baker, Hunt Randolph & Co. R. & W. Allison, Isaac Anderson, Francis V. Many, C. & L. Denison and others Grocers in the vicinity of Washington Market for incumbering the side-walks with articles in the line of their business;

Also against Elijah Valentine, William King, Peter Schermerhorn, William Bayard, and Samuel A. Lawrence for not complying with the Ordinances for filling in sunken lots;

Also against sundry Hackmen for not renewing their Hack Licenses;

And against M[r] Denison & M[r] Ritter residing in the 9th Ward, for having Dogs running at large and not registered.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Egbert Davis, reported in the following words.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Egbert Davis, complain- [291] ing that in the year 1819. he had been assessed for personal Tax in the 1st & 2d wards of this City, that he had paid the Tax in the 1st Ward, and had no personal property in the 2d Ward except his necessary wearing apparel, and prays to be releived from paying the Tax assessed on him in that ward.

Report, that on a careful examination of the case, your Committee are of opinion that he is entitled to relief, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed to decline collecting the personal Tax assessed on Egbert Davis in the 2d Ward in 1819.

(Signed) Cha[s] Town Ch[n]
Rob. Swartwout
Tho[s] S. Townsend
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of James Calhoon complaining that the adjoining lot being lower than his is injurious to his property

Reported in the following words.

"The Street Committee having viewed the condition of the Lot

described in the annexed [292] petition, are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted;

Therefore propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the City Inspector cause the Lot to be filled up so as to abate the Nuisance, as stated in an Ordinance passed 26th June last and that the expence thereof be a lien on the property.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for regulating Pitt and Willet Streets, Reported,

That they have examined the situation of those Streets and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

Therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Pitt and Willet Street be regulated from Broome to Grand Street.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

[293] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for filling up a pond in Hudson Street;

Reported, that they have viewed the condition of Lots therein described, and are of opinion that the Nuisance ought to be abated;

Therefore offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the sunken lots lying west of S^t Johns Square between Hudson and Collister Street, and between Beach and Laight Street, be filled up so as to cast the water into the adjoining Streets, and that the City Inspector present an Ordinance for that purpose.

Rob. Swartwout Ch^n
(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:

The Finance Committee beg leave to lay before the Board a valuation of the whole [294] real estate of the Corporation, together with

such of the personal Estate as in their opinion ought to be taken into the calculation.

This measure has been effected pursuant to a Resolution of the Common Council passed the tenth day of April last, and was recommended by the Committee on Finance for the purpose of opening the Books kept by the Comptroller on more correct principles than heretofore, and that the Members of the Board, as well as our fellow Citizens generally, may at one view, ascertain, the extent, value and situation of the public property.

The gentlemen who have been employed by the Committee in this arduous undertaking, possess a perfect knowledge of the public property as well as the value generally of Real Estate in this City, and the Committee have every reason to believe therefore, that the valuation in the aggregate at least, is conformable to the present low price of Real Estate, and that no event, which can be reasonably anticipated, will lessen the value at which it is stated.

The property is classed under appropriate heads, and every lot or parcel is seperately valued, according to its local situation and advantages.

[295] The following is a summary of the Amount of each Class, and will show, the several and grand total of the whole Amount.

		cts.
1st	Houses & Lots, productive	$405,200.00
2d	Lands and Buildings used for Public purposes	1,769,536.62
3d	Productive property at Brooklyn	62,150.
4th	Unproductive Do Do	1,950.
5th	Ferries, including the necessary Wharves and Piers	122,000.
6th	Common Lands, Productive	119,150.
7th	Do Do unproductive	37,800.
8th	Common Lands, Rent payable in wheat	2,650.
9th	Common Lands, perpetual leases, rent payable in Coin	1,260.
10th	Public Wharves, Piers and Slips	842,257.50
11th	City Lots, Rent payable in wheat	5,200.
12th	Personal Property	65,564.
	Grand Total	$3,434,718.12

The Committee herewith present the Bill of the Appraisers for the expenses incurred in making the foregoing valuation amounting to $635 $^{86}/_{100}$; and they recommend that it be [296] paid, and propose the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that a warrant pass for six hundred and thirty five Dollars and eighty six Cents, in favor of John Targee, William S. Smith

and Jonathan Thompson, for services rendered and expence incurred in apprising the public property by order of the Corporation.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
J. Hammond
Saml Tooker
B. Crane

Whereupon it was ordered that the Report and the statement made by the Appraisers be printed for the use of the Members, the book filed in the Comptrollers Office, and that the warrant recommended be reported.

The same Committee on the petition of John Cornelison Reported in the following words.

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Cornelison, praying that the award for his lot of ground at the corner of Washington and Courtlandt Streets may be paid him; Report, That the Lot [297] alluded to was taken for straightening Washington Street, for which the petitioner was awarded by the Commissioners $2707. That the Assessment was confirmed, and the improvement directed to be carried into effect on the first day of June last, and that therefore the petitioner has no claim for the payment of his award until four months thereafter, which will be on the first day of September next: that in addition the collection of the Assessments are incomplete, there being a less sum collected, than the award to the petitioner. The Committee are of opinion therefore, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and offer the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
J. Hammond
Saml Tooker
B. Crane

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of [298] Isaac Russell Reported in the following words:

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Russell, praying that he may be releived from the payment of several Assessments on a House and Lot of ground held under lease from the Corporation; Report,

That the premises alluded to is a gore lot fronting on Chaple, Walker, and Beach Streets, and is held by the petitioner under Lease from the Corporation for seven Years from the first day of May 1819. at the Annual Rent of 190 Dollars.

That the premises have been repaired by the petitioner and other buildings added, at an expence of nearly one Thousand Dollars; that in consequence of these expences and the lack of business, he is so impoverished as to be unable to pay the aforesaid Assessments.

The Committee are of opinion, that under all the circumstances of the petitioners case, he is entitled to some relief from the Board, and they therefore propose the following;

That the Assessment for building the Sewer in Chapple and Canal Streets, for repaving Chapple Street, and for the paving of [299] Beach Street be paid by the Corporation, and that the interest on the Amount of said Assessments be added to the Rent of the premises to be paid quarterly by the petitioner; and further, that the time for paying the Assessment for paving Walker Street be extended to the first day of November next, with interest till paid; and the following Resolution is proposed accordingly.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to arrange and carry into effect the subject of the foregoing report.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
J. Hammond
Sam[l] Tooker
B. Crane

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The *Committee on Wharves &c presented the following Report respecting the Mud Machine which was approved and the resolution adopted. Viz[t]

" The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips beg leave to inform the Board, that the [300] Mud Machine having performed the necessary cleansing of the Slips for the season, has been laid up in Dock; but owing to the situation of her bottom from the destructive operation of the worms, it becomes necessary to new sheath and caulk it, to prevent her filling with water and sinking.

The Committee have received proposals from several ship-wrights for the above repairs, the lowest of which amounts to Two hundred and fifty eight Dollars and seventy five Cents, and they now ask per-

* Marginal note in pencil reads *Should be Wharves Piers & Slips.*—ED.

mission from the Board, to cause the same to be made, and for that purpose propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips be authorised to have the necessary repairs done to the Mud Machine.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Asa Mann
Robert M^cQueen

The Committee on Public Lands and Places to whom was referred the Complaints against the African Burying ground; against the mode of Interment in Potters-field, and a memorial of [301] Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Potters-field, Reported in the following words.

" The Committee on Public Lands and Places to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Chrystie Street in the vicinity of the African burying-ground as a Nuisance; also a representation of the Assistants of the Board of Health, stating objections to the keepers present manner of interments in Potters-Field; likewise a petition of sundry persons residing near Potters-Field, complaining of a Nuisance in that neighborhood, occasioned by a Manufactory for extracting the substance from Animal bones while in a state of putrifaction, carried on by M^r William Deacon.

Pray leave to Report;

That they have examined the African Burying-ground, as well as Lewis Francis the Sexton, who has it under care, and have reason to believe there has been some cause of complaint, in as much as said Sexton admits, that owing to his own illness, his son had conducted the business in a careless manner, sometimes leaving the Vault-door but partially covered; but which circumstance he promises most faithfully shall never again occur, and that other evils [302] complained of, shall be corrected.

The Committee however are of opinion, that the Stench complained of, may frequently have arisen from the filthy state of the neighbouring Slaughter Houses.

On the subject of Potters-Field, the Committee are happy to say they have found no cause of complaint against the keeper, having reason to beleive he had strictly adhered to the rules stipulated by the former Committee who had that subject under their care. The Committee however have thought proper to make some alterations in the former mode of interments. they have directed

That no Corpse shall be left at any time, without a covering of earth of at least two feet deep, and no grave shall be left from one day to another day, without being entirely filled up with earth.

No Corpse, shall be deposited nearer the surface of the ground than four feet.

Nor shall any person whose death was occasioned by any contagous or putrid fever be interred otherwise than in a single grave six feet deep.

These regulations will cause additional la- [303] bor, more than one man can perform, the Committee therefore recommend a small additional allowance to the keepers pay during the Summer Months.

In relation to the Manufactory complained of near Potters Field, the Committee have examined it, and found it in a very offensive state, owing to a large mass of Cattle's bones lying in a putrid state in the open air, Mr Deacon was examined on the subject, who seem'd not aware of the offensive nature of his factory, and manifested every disposition to remedy the evil; he is a poor man, an Englishman lately arrived in this Country, a Chymist by profession, and seems industriously striving to obtain a support for a large family from the offals of our Markets, hitherto of no use to any one.

To remedy the evil complained of, Mr Deacon proposes to erect an additional boiler, by which means he will be enabled to use up the bones as fast as he obtains them, and before they become putrid.

Under this regulation the Committee have consented to let him proceed for the present.

All which is Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) Saml Tooker
[304] Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker
Gerard De Peyster
Robert McQueen

Which was approved, and directed to be filed.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom were referred a Communication from John Stevens Esquire respecting the construction of water Closets Reported in the following words.

"The Committee to whom was referred Dr Hosack's letter enclosing a Communication from John Stevens Esquire of Hoboken, respecting the construction of privies and water Closets, entirely concur in the sentiments expressed by the Resident Physician in his said letter,

viz. "that the subject in our City calls for a reform, as intimately connected with health and comfort.

They therefore respectfully recommend, that the following Resolution be adopted.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be requested to designate such position for placing one of Mr Stevens's water Closets, in that part of the Old Alms House, which is under the controul of the Corporation, as, in [305] his opinion may be deemed most eligible.

Robert McQueen
(Signed.) Saml Tooker
Isaac Emmons

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Report on the subject of Rates of Cartage, which had been laid for consideration was called up amended and agreed to, and it was referred to the Counsel with directions to Report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

A Petition from the Executors of the late Treasurer or Chamberlain Whitehead Fish Esqr was presented, stating that they had been furnished with a statement of differences said to exist in the Books of the late Chamberlain; that upon a careful comparison of that Account with original Vouchers in their possession, many errors have been detected, inasmuch as the warrants correspond in numerous instances with the entries on his Book, it was therefore fair to infer that most of the differences may be set aside in like manner: as therefore they are desirous to bring the business to a close, they propose that a Committee should be appointed to confer with them on the [306] subject with full powers to make an immediate and final settlement.

Whereupon it was Resolved, that it be referred to the Finance Committee with full powers to make an adjustment and final settlement of said Account with the Executors of the late Whitehead Fish Esquire late Chamberlain.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 7th Inst	$8,797.38	
Received for Tax 1819. 1. 3. 4. 6. 10 Wards	5,128.58	
" " Streets	8,067.77	
" " Wells & Pumps	220.44	
" " Vendue Sales	2,500.00	
" " Tavern Licenses	500.00	
" " Mayoralty Fees	119.00	
" " Commutation Alien Passengers	335.00	
" " Justices Courts 1st 2d 3d Wards	246.14	
		25,914 31

44 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leeke, Watch 1st District	981.75
Hibberd & Clark, Do 2d Do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower, Do 3d Do	393.75
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller 1 Qr 15th Inst. & postage	438.42
[307] Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant Repairs 1 Qr 14th Inst	250.00
Wm S. Smith, Collector City Revenue 1 Quarter 22d Inst. & ferriage	188.00
Thos Franklin, Chief Engineer 1 Quarter 18th Inst	125.00
G. Gilbert, Register writing up Index on Acct	600.00
John M. Lester, to pay 9 peace Officers at City Hall 4th July	13.50
F. Harris, & 3 others attends at Governors room 9th Inst	4.00
Fine See & Co., Coach hire for Road Committee	13.00
Geo. Buckmaster, repairs Mud Machine	173.13
H. Waterbury, work at Mud Machine 12 days 19th Inst	66.08
Thos Fessenden, Asst Justice 1st 2d 3d wards 1 Qr Salary 14th Inst	437.50
Herman Ruggles, Asst Justice 5th 8th wards 1 Qr Salary 14th Inst	437.50
John Leveridge, Asst Justice 7th 10th wards 1 Qr Salary 14th Inst	437.50
Geo. Betts, Clerk Asst Justices Court 5th 8th wards 1 Qr Salary 14th Inst	187.50
[308] William H. Smith, Clerk Asst Justices Court 7th 10th wards 1 Qr Salary 14th Inst	187.50
Alexr Young's, 1 Qr Rent Room Justices Court 4th & 6th wards 1st Inst	37.50
Jas Wallace, Acct building Minetto Sewer	9,000.00
Thos Lovett, Acct regulating Canal Street	3,000.00
Jas Wallace, Acct building Minetto Sewer, Amot Assessed to Corporation on Potters Field	1,340.00
John Quin, Acct filling block at Charlton Street	1,000.00
H. Smith, balance Curbing and flagging Washington Street from Rector to Carlile Street	547.02
H. Weeks, Acct Sewer Collect Street Amot Assessed State Arsenal	514.50
Thos Lovett, Acct paving Beach St from Washington Street to Bulkhead	500.00
Abm Baudouine & Associates making sundry Assessments	286.50
Thos Lovett, Acct paving Provoost Street from Washington to West	200.00
Thos Lovett, Acct regulating Green Street from Grand to Spring	200.00
[309] J. Sloan, Acct regulating Bleecker Street from Broadway to Wooster Street	150.00
H. Smith, Acct paving Hubert St	100.00

Jon[a] Thompson and Associates making Assessment Minetto Sewer balance	80.00	
Henry Cochrane, in part of Contract Hudson Street	850.00	
Henry Cochrane, D[o] D[o] D[o]	150.00	
Charles Mooney, balance paving sundry Streets	320.74	
J. Sloan, Acc[t] regulating Wooster Street from Broome to Spring	200.00	
H. Smith, Acc[t] paving Washington Street from Cedar to Courtlandt	100.00	
H. Cochrane, balance paving Cedar Street, from Nassau to Broadway	39.94	
John Brower, and Associates making Assessments Wooster & West Streets	33.00	
Rob[t] Pettigrew, balance Well in Charlton Street in full	28.35	
John Beekman, award to widen Market Street	5.73	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs for Repairs	970.00	
[310] Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, repairing Piers Coenties Slip	430.00	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs for Markets	160.00	
		25,823.16
Balance		91.15

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight at 5 [o]Clock.

In Common Council September 4[th] 1820.

Present. The Hon[bl] Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President
Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Robert M[c]Queen	Benjamin Crane
[311] Asa Mann	Charles Town
David Board	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittan
Stephen Allen	Isaac Emmons
	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Stephen Doane for Stall N[o] 7 Grand Street Market; of Willet Rayner for Office of Deputy Clerk of Fly Market, in case it should become vacant; of several Butchers who sell by permits in the lower Fly Market, praying the fees paid by them may be reduced; and of Henry Cochran Lessee of Cellar N[o] 12 under Washington Mar-

ket, praying permission to transfer the Lease of the same, were severally read and referred to the Market Committee; that of Cochran with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of the Trustees of the African Methodist Zion Church, praying on Account of their reduced finances, that the Corporation would repair the fence around their Burial Place, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

[312] A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants on Long Island against the occupation of the Buildings at Fort Stevens for an Hospital, was reported to the Committee of the Board of Health to whom that subject was referred.

A Petition of Richard Shields a Cartman praying remission of fine incurred by forestalling Firewood was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Robert Dodge that his house may be permitted to remain a few weeks before it is removed, was referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of Pinkerton and Forgay, praying payment of a balance due to them on Contract for paving Broadway, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob B. Clark praying that interest charged on an arrear of Tax due may be remitted, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[313] A Petition of G. Dominick and Simeon Brown for permission to remove a wooden building through the Streets from the corner of Oliver Street and Chatham Square to the North side of Grand Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th & 10th Wards with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A request of Mr John Vanderlyn that a warrant may issue for payment of the balance due for painting the Portrait of Major General Jackson when the same is finished, and that Mr V. may be permitted to retain the portrait until the close of this Month for the purpose of placing the same in his Exhibition room, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A proposal of John Randel Junr to furnish to the Corporation on certain terms his Map of the City, was read and laid on the table, to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on that subject is considered.

A Petition of Swallow & Lockwood to be permitted to construct a Vault in Broadway between Grand and Broome Streets; and a Petition [314] from John Lang to construct one in Broadway a few

doors above Spring Street, were granted on the usual terms, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Anderson, praying that the Corporation would pay to him the balance due to him agreeably to an Account annexed for Extra work performed by him at the Corporation Pier at the foot of Vesey Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of George Brunn to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Harleam in the 9th Ward was read and the prayer thereof was granted and he appointed accordingly.

A Petition of Abijah Hammond, praying for a grant of the Land under water opposite to a Lot owned by him, bounded Southerly by the Northern line of the State Prison ground, Easterly by Washington Street, Northerly by Hammond Street and Westerly by the North River, and extending to West Street, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

An invitation to the Members of the Common [315] Council from the Columbian Society to attend on the 11th Instant at Washington Hall the delivery of an oration in commemmoration of the Victories of Erie Champlain and Plattsburgh, was read and accepted.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Pearl Street in the 6th Ward, and a Petition for a Well and Pump in Grand Street between the Bowery and Forsyth Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards, to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of Stephen Gorham for extension of time for payment of Assessment for widening and improving Washington Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of Richard Byrd to be releived from payment of a personal Tax assessed on him in 1819. was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Thomas J. Bartow for himself and others Guagers, praying that the Law prohibiting Guagers holding a License, under [316] the Corporation, from holding an appointment under the Inspector of Domestic Spirits for the State may be rescinded; was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition was received from Elizabeth Kraff stating that she is owner of four Lots of ground adjoining Greenwich Lane, that by a Resolution of the Common Council the Sixth Avenue is to be opened and continued through her premises; that she is thereby

prevented from selling or leasing her property, and praying some relief; whereupon it was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Henderson for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without License, was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that the Hack Stand may be removed from the present situation on the North west side of the Park, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants at [317] the foot of Moore Street praying for the use of the Mud Machine to remove a Bar that has been formed in the adjacent Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

A request from William B. Van Nortwick to hire from the Corporation for a term of Years the room over the Engine House in Beaver Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that the side walks in Mulberry Street between Spring and Broome Streets be paved, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the request.

A Petition from Moses Cunningham Collector of the 8th Ward, praying in consideration of the difficulties in collecting the Taxes of the said Ward, that an addition of One per Cent be added to his allowance for collection was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John S. King for release from a Judgment obtained against him for not [318] registering a Dog, was referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of Abraham Jacques and a number of Inhabitants that a Hay Scale may be established at the foot of Charlton Street, and that said Jacques may be licensed as a Weigher of Hay, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Henry Smith for relief from a Judgment recovered against him on an Ordinance for filling in a Lot, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Levi Parse for remission of fine for selling Spiritous Liquors without License, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the fine.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg praying payment of Balance due on Contract for regulating and paving Grand Street between the Bowery and Broadway was referred to the Finance Committee.

[319] A Petition that Herring Street between Carmine and Jones Street be regulated and the owners be permitted to take the dirt opposite their respective Lots for their own benefit, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Proposal from Robert Gill to light the public Lamps of the City was presented, read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of James Boyd for himself and the Heirs of Archibald Smyth deceased, praying that the sale of two Lots corner of Canal and Greenwich Street, advertised for non-payment of an Assessment may be postponed till after the 25th Instant, was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the request.

The Cheif Engineer returned the following persons for appointment as Fire Wardens and Fireman, who were accordingly appointed.

He also stated that mistakes sometimes occurred in the returns of the names of persons to be appointed, by omitting a letter [320] &c. to the name, which, as it was immaterial he suggested the propriety of authorising the Clerk to correct such mistakes on the Minutes; which recommendation was agreed to.

Fire Warden for the 10th Ward.

David Seaman, Butcher, cor. Christie & Stanton St 10th Wd vice Peter F. Cisco time expired.

Hook & Ladder Company No 2

William C. McIntosh, Mason, 66 James St 4th Ward vice James Dorset, Deceased.

No 3.

Cornelius Van Valer, Carpenter, Greenwich St, 8th Wd vice James Martine Resigned.

Samuel Carl, Grocer, Sullivan Street, 8th Ward vice James Reeves, Resigned.

Fire Engine Company No 7.

Edward Arrowsmith, Sail maker, 67 Orange St 6th Wd vice James Corse, resigned.

No 11.

Nathan Joy, Grocer, 26 Orange Street, 6 Ward vice Francis T. Luqueer, appointed Fire Warden

[321] Fire Engine Company No 24.

Selah Van Duzer, Grocer, West Street, 3d Ward vice John Pearce Resigned.

N° 29.

Nicholas Vosburgh, Inn-keeper, cor. Hudson & Perry S^{t} 9 W^{d} vice Peter Hennion, Deceased.

N° 30.

John Phillips, Butcher, Ludlow near Rivington S^{t} 10 W^{d} vice William Hassell, Resigned.

William H. Fowler, Carpenter, Rivington n^{r} Pitt S^{t} 10th W^{d} vice Peter Vreeland Resigned.

N° 38.

James W. Anderson, Gentleman, Bloomingdale 9 W^{d} vice Jonathan Moorehouse, left the City.

N° 42.

Thomas Morrison, Hatter, 327 Pearl Street, 4th W^{d} vice John Thompson, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were [322] passed. Viz^{t}

N° 1	Archibald Dunlap,	Owner,	88 Banker Street,	a Lot
2.	Cooke,	D°,	Franklin Street,	D°
3.	D. Ward	Lessee & Occup^{t},	58 Pearl Street,	a privy
4.	L. Seaman, M. Vermilyia,	Lessee. Occup^{t},	Elizabeth Street,	D°
5.	W^{m} Slam,	Owner,	54 Lombardy Street,	D°

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The following Report of Complaints made to the Attorney was presented by him and referred to the Committee on Public Offices. Viz^{t}

Against Murtagh Byrne and M^{r} Thornton Innkeepers for permitting Gambling in their Houses

Against James Odell for selling Liquor without License for which a Judgment is obtained and he in Prison thereon;

Against Asa S. Wisson a Butcher for exposing to Sale a Quarter of Mutton.

Upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner the Ordinance passed at the last meeting for paving the Carriage way of Hudson Street from Canal to Spring Street, was amended so as to read from the Southerly side of Canal to [323] Spring Street.

The Street Commissioner presented a report stating that the Pier at the foot of Jay Street, and that on the South side of Pike Slip

were out of repair, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

He also presented a request from Noah Brown that Goerick Street might be opened, from Stanton to North Street, which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented returns of delinquents on Assessments for widening Gold Street, for widening Washington Street and for regulating Provoost Street from Washington to West Street, whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented Assessments for regulating and paving Sullivan Street from Canal to Watts Street, for regulating and paving Desbrosses Street from Sullivan to Varick Street, and for a Well and Pump in Watts Street near Canal [324] Street, which were confirmed, and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Viz[t]

For regulating Willet Street from Grand to Broome Street; for regulating Pitt Street from Grand to Broome Street and Abraham Baudouine, John Bedient and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors; for regulating and paving Harman Street from Rutgers to Grand Street, and John Targee John Bedient and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors; for a Well and Pump in Essex Street near Delancey Street, and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Dally and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors; and for paving Canal Street from Broadway to Church Street, and John Targee John Brower, and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

The Comptroller presented an Account of Expenses and fees incurred in the case of Dover Street amounting to $701 $^{72}/_{100}$, which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented a Report stating that in [325] consequence of default in payment of Rent by J. R. Bedell Lessee of House and Lot at Brooklyn, proceedings had been had against him and possession obtained of the premises, which he recommended should be immediately again Leased out; Whereupon the Report was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to Lease out the same as they should judge expedient.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Canal Street Reported in the following words.

"The Street Committee to whom the within Petition was referred.

praying that Canal Street may be paved from Broadway to Church Street

Report, that they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted;

Therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Canal Street be paved from Broadway to the westerly side of Church Street, and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for the purpose.

(Signed) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons
S. P. Brittan
Shivers Parker

[326] Which was approved, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom on the 5th of June last had been referred the Complaint of the Attorney against Messrs Tucker & Carter for erecting a pair of stairs at a Store corner of South Street and Pine Street, owned by J. G. Coster, Reported,

That they have made the necessary enquiry relative to the same, and are of an opinion that said stairs should be taken down.

Your Committee have been made acquainted with the fact that the said stairs were taken down and after undergoing repair, were erected in an entire new place which in the opinion of your Committee hath brought the parties compleatly within the meaning of the Law prohibiting the erection of stairs more than five feet in height.

Your Committee would therefore offer the following Resolution. Viz[t]

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to notice Messrs Tucker & Carter as occupants and John G. Coster as owner of Store at the corner of South and Pine Streets, that said [327] stairs must be taken down immediately under the penalty of $250. the Amount prescribed by Law. All of which is Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) B. Crane Ch[n]
Thos Bolton
Ab[m] Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Charles Brooks Reported in the following words.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Brooks, praying for the remission of $12 $^{90}/_{100}$ Tax imposed on his personal Estate valued at $3500. by the Assessors of the 4th Ward in 1819. that in consequence of heavy losses and misfortunes he became insolvent in his circumstances prior to the period when said Tax was imposed, and so far from being possessed of any Estate over and above the payment of his debts, that the same was materially insufficient.

Report, that they have examined into the circumstances of the Petitioners case, and are satisfied that he is entitled to relief; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

[328] Resolved, that the Collector of arrears of Taxes, be instructed to decline collecting the Tax Assessed on the personal property of Charles Brooks in the 4th Ward in 1819.

Chas Town Chn
Rob. Swartwout
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Thos S. Townsend
John P. Anthony

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of John Fleetwood Marsh Reported in the following words.

"The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Fleetwood Marsh, praying for a remission of Interest on Taxes;

Report, that on an examination of the case they are fully of the opinion, that the petitioner is not entitled to relief and respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

Chas Town Chn
Rob. Swartwout
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Thos S. Townsend
John P. Anthony

[329] Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Joseph Townsend for Stall No 5 Spring Street Market Reported in the following words.

"The Market Committee to whom the Petition of Joseph Townsend was referred, praying to be licensed for Stall N° 5 in Spring Street Market beg leave to offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that the License granted to Charles Williams for Stall N° 5 in Spring Street Market, be and is hereby revoked.

Resolved, that license be granted to Joseph Townsend for Stall N° 5 in Spring Street Market.

(Signed) Harm^{s} Tallman
Cha^{s} Town
Stephen Allen
Sam^{l} Tooker

Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Communication from the Street Commissioner respecting a Map of the City by John Randel Jun^{r}

Reported, That they have examined the Map alluded to, and although the execution of the work does great credit to the talents and [330] ingenuity of M^{r} Randell, they are nevertheless of opinion, that the scale on which it is drawn is too small for the ordinary purposes of reference, or for which a Map of the City is generally required.

The Committee are of opinion however, that some encouragement should be afforded M^{r} Randell for his industry in this laborious undertaking; and they recommend therefore, that four Setts of his Map of the City of New York be subscribed for by the Corporation at $6 $^{75}/_{100}$ each Map, to be coloured and mounted on Rolers; which agreeably to his proposals to give one Map gratis for every five subscribed, will produce 24 Maps, sufficient to supply each member with a Copy and leave two for the use of the Offices.

The Committee beg leave to state, that it has been customary to present each person on his becoming a member of the Common Council, with a Map of the City; in order that he may possess the information required in the discharge of his public duties. This has been omitted for the last two years, in the expectation, that the Map of M^{r} Randell would be taken, when compleated for that purpose; but, for the reasons already stated the Map not answering the purposes required, it becomes expedient that others should be provided; [331] and the Committee beg leave to recommend, for that purpose the Map published by David Longworth, as containing all the usefull and necessary information required by the Members of this Board.

The ordinary store price of Longworth's Map coloured and

mounted is $3 25/100, but he offers to furnish the Corporation with twenty Copies or more at $2 50/100.

The Committee propose the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council be authorised to subscribe for Twenty Maps of this City published by Randell on the conditions stated in the foregoing report.

Resolved, that he be further authorised to purchase Twenty Maps published by David Longworth, at two Dollars and fifty Cents each Map coloured and mounted.

Resolved, that each Member of the Board be presented with one of the Maps made by Mr Randell; and that such members as have not heretofore received Maps of the City, be also presented with one of Longworths Maps.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Hammond
B. Crane
(Signed) Stephen Allen
Saml Tooker
S. P. Brittan

[332] Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the Assessment for regulating Dey Street, Reported, That an Ordinance was passed for regulating said Street in the fall of 1819. and the Assessment confirmed in the March following.

That a remonstrance was presented against said Assessment and referred to a Committee, but not reported on. That the object of the remonstrators was, as the Committee are informed, to obtain a revision of the Assessment, on the plea, that they were unjustly Assessed for more earth in regulating the front of their Lots than what was used.

Your Committee are assured however, by the Deputy Street Commissioner, that a careful survey of the regulation was made by two of the sworn City Surveyors, and that the quantity of earth charged is correct. The Committee are therefore of opinion, no other objection having been stated to them except the one alluded to, that the Assessment ought to be collected forthwith; and they offer the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that the Collector appointed [333] to collect the Assess-

ment for regulating Dey Street between Washington and West Street, be instructed to proceed in collecting the same.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephen Allen
B. Crane
(Signed) J. Hammond
Sam[l] Tooker
S. P. Brittan

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented "a Law to amend a Law to regulate the Public Markets" which was passed, and ordered to be published.

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease to William Civill for the Hay Scales at the foot of Duane Street from the 1st of September Inst. to the 1st of September 1822., which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented Leases to Joseph Place for Lots N° 12. 14. 16. at Brooklyn, which were directed to be executed.

He also reported that the Supreme Court [334] had decided the case of the Corporation against Christian Bergh in favor of the Corporation.

He also reported that the report of the Commissioners of Assessment in the case of Oliver Street had been confirmed, and he recommended a Collector to be appointed; Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector; and it was directed that the improvement in Oliver Street be immediately carried into effect.

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[339] In Common Council September 18th 1820.

Present. The Hon[bl] Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President
Peter A. Jay Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend	Abraham Valentine
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Asa Mann	Benjamin Crane
David Board	Charles Town
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Stephen Allen	Stephen P. Brittan
	Isaac Emmons
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

* From this date until April 16, 1821, warrants issued are not entered, although pages are left blank for the same.—ED.

A Memorial of Samuel Evans remonstrating against a charge made against him for services of the Mud Machine in cleansing Walnut Street Slip, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[340] The Mayor stated that he had been served with an Injunction and Subpœna issuing out of the Court of Chancery on the behalf of Christian Bergh in the suit of the Corporation against the said Christian Bergh in an action of Ejectment, the said writ returnable on the 20th Instant; Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to enter an appearance for the Corporation and to take other necessary and legal measures thereon.

A Petition of Cornelius J. Bogert, Peter Byvank and Mary Taylor, proprietors of several lots of ground between Peck Slip and Crane Wharf was presented, stating that about two years ago a petition was presented praying that Beekman Street might be extended to the East River, that Resolutions were passed by the Corporation directing such extension upon a certain plan, but upon that plan being objected to another plan was proposed and devised, but as yet no plan has been carried into execution; that upon the belief that the extension of said Street would take place, some persons have commenced erecting buildings in conformity with the proposed plan which have encroached on the grounds owned [341] by the petitioners, they therefore pray that the Corporation will proceed to carry said plan for extending said Street into execution, or give such other relief as may be just and proper. Whereupon the same was referred to the Special Committee on the petition of Silvanus Miller. Vizt

Mr Recorder, Alderman Swartwout, Thorp, Mr Hammond, Mr Bolton.

A Petition for a Well and Pump on the Northerly side of Vestry Street near Hudson Street for one in Henry Street near Birmingham Street and that Pump No 31 corner Lombardy Street and Scammel Street may be repaired, and that a Lamp be erected near the same, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Moses Jarvis requesting instructions respecting the construction of his Vault corner of Chatham and Catherine Street, was referred to the Street Committee with authority to give the necessary directions.

A Petition of Stephen Thorn for permission to construct a Vault in front of No 757 [342] Broome Street, and of John Withington to

construct one corner of Market and Harman Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Stewart Elder for remission of fine for not registering a Dog, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Anthony Dey was received, stating that he holds in trust a House and sixteen lots of ground in the 9th Ward, formerly the property of Thomas B. Clarke, that the Assessors of the 9th Ward have Assessed the above property and the property of others as two Houses and Ten Acres, that the owners of part of said property are desirous of paying their proportion of the Tax so assessed, and praying the same may be referred to the Assessors to apportion the same; Whereupon the same was referred to the Assessors of the 9th Ward.

A Petition was received from David Dunham stating that he some time since became interested in the Ferry from the foot of Delancey Street to Long Island, understanding the same [343] to be an exclusive privilege; that shortly after a Lease was given for a ferry from Grand Street, which for the protection of the first Ferry, he was also under the necessity of purchasing from the Lessees, that lately to his very great injury, another Ferry has been established from the foot of Walnut Street, that understanding one of the Slips will be wanted for public use, and considering himself entitled from these circumstances to some relief, he requests the subject may be referred for the consideration of some Committee.

A Letter was also received from Marinus Willett, remonstrating against removing the Ferry from Delancey Street, and changing the same to a Public Slip; whereupon the said Memorial and letter were referred to a Joint Committee, consisting of the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Ferry Committee.

A request of Robert Lenox to be permitted to store Hemp in his store in Greenwich Street, and of Richard Jennings to store Hemp in his store corner of Roosevelt and Front Street, each accompanied by Certificates from the Fire Wardens of the Ward that they had examined the said [344] stores and found them safe, were read, and the privilege solicited was granted to the Petitioners.

A petition was received from Caleb Crane, one of the Measurers of Lime complaining of Benjamin Westervelt also a Measurer in engrossing the business of measuring, was read & referred to a special Committee consisting of Mr Brittain Alderman Mann & Alderman Tooker.

A petition of H Westervelt praying relief from an assessment laid

on him as owner of four Lots of ground on Jone's street in Greenwich Village, whereas he is only the owner of two Lots, was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A memorial of William Civill, Lessee of Hay scales at the foot of Duane Street remonstrating against the erection of a Hay scales at the foot of Charleton Street, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

Alderman Allen presented a resolution appointing William Civill a Weigher of Hay, which was adopted & he was appointed, accordingly.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of Septem^{r} sessions was read & directed to be filed—the Jury having called the attention of the Board to the ruinous situation of the Debtors Gaol, that part of the presentment was referred to the Committee on Repairs.

[345] A petition of Edward Keregan, praying that the amount of costs paid by him in a suit against a M^{r} Deklyn for acting as a Pawn broker may be repaid to him, was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A memorial from a number of Inhabitants residing in Cross & Orange streets, complaining of the riotous conduct of persons who assemble daily & nightly in said streets, was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of Daniel M^{c}Lauren Junior, was read, praying relief from a Judgment recover'd against him on a charge for obstructing the Sealer of Weights & Measures in the exercise of his duty which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Benjamin H Hindes, master of the Sloop Dolphin, praying remission of penalty said to be incurred in not reporting passengers was referred to the Comittee on Public Offices.

A petition from the Inhabitants of Jones' S^{t} Greenwich, praying that said street may be regulated & they permitted to take for their own use the surplus earth, was referred to the Street Committee.

A remonstrance from a number of owners of Lots in Clark & Dominick streets against paving said streets, was referred to the Street Committee.

[346] A complaint from the Watchmen of the 2nd District against the practice of the Marshalls of the Police Office in leaving in the charge of the Watch persons apprehended by them, thereby occasioning to them, the Watchmen great loss of time, was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of the Hay Cartmen, praying an additional allowance

for Inspection of Hay, was read & referred to the former Comittee on that subject. viz. Watch Committee.

A further petition of Elizabeth Krapff, relative to Lotts owned by her, corner of Greenwich Lane, & affected by the opening of the 6th Avenue, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A memorial of Joseph Crowell praying the establishment of a Hay scale at the foot of Charleton Street, & offering to take the same on Lease, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A petition of John Van Wart, for some appointment under the Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of John McCready & John Smith for Stall N° 31 Catharine Market—of John M Smith for Stall N° 2, same market —of John W Conklin for Stall N° 9 Spring street Market, were read & referred to the Market Committee.

[347] A petition of James Hunt Inspector of Fire wood, praying that the Bulk head of West street, between Dey & Fulton Streets may be again attached to the 10th District, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of Jonathan Rayner for remission of fine incurred for selling Oysters, contrary to Law, & for which he is now imprisoned, was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition of Messrs Dobbs & Furman, contractors of Street manure, praying an alteration in the law respecting the removing of filth & dirt from the Streets so as they may receive a weekly or monthly allowance for sweeping in front of vacant houses & Lots, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Shaw, Livery Stable keeper, for relief from sundry penalties incurred by keeping his Carriages in the streets &c was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancy viz.

Fire Engine Company N° 37.

Henry H Gillett, Carpenter N° 80 Forsyth St vice Gideon Castang, resigned Eldridge n Stanton,

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction [348] of sundry nuisances, which were passed, viz.

N° 1.	Jacob Storm,	Owner	42 Oak Street,	a Lot
2.	A Day	do & occupt,	44 do do	" do
3.	C M Graham Jr	Owner	Bleeker do,	" do

4.	J C Van Aulen	Owner	Cedar St.	a Lot
5.	J Ledwith S[t] Johnston	do occupant	Nelson's Alley	a privy

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were confirmed viz.

For repaving Gold Street, from Beekman to Fulton Street & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for cleansing & extending sewer in Broad Street, & for regulating & paving Eldridge Street from Broome to Delancy Street for well in Eldridge Street between Broome & Delancy J G Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for well & pump in or near Grand Street, between the Bowery & Eldridge Street which was passed, & Abraham Baudouine, John Brower & Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

He also presented returns of delinquents on the following Assessments & Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same. [349] viz.

Regulating Canal street	$8.438.41
Building sewer in Collect street	1.375.50
Paving Elm street	623. 4
Regulating Bleeker street	460.32
Well & Pump in Elizabeth street	29.50
Well & Pump in Allen street	22.
Dollars.	10.948.77

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. viz. against M[rs] Hoffman for keeping a dog not registered.

He reports that an Ordinance against John B Murray for not correcting a Nuisance had been sent to him for prosecution, but a certificate was presented from the City Inspector that the Ordinance has since been complied with.

Also that complaints had been made against sundry Cartmen for depositing Manure south of North Street, but which complaints had been remidied.

The Counsel presented the following Deeds for execution. viz.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a deed to Andrew C

Zabriskie of a lot of ground in Gold Street. Also a lease to Joseph Place of a Lot of Ground & dock at Brooklyn.

Also quit claim deeds to Peter Parks, & Dennis H Doyle of two small pieces of ground lying in front of their lots in Oliver Street. The ground described in those deeds is part of what it was contemplated [350] to close for the purpose of straightening Oliver Street, but which was not included in the petition to the Supreme Court, because Mr Parks the then owner of the adjoining ground, refused to enter into stipulations to take it at the appraisement of the Commissioners. He is now willing to take it for what the Commissioners, in pursuance of a resolution of the Board, estimated it to be worth.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) Ogden Edwards

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David Dunham reported.

That Mr Dunham is the owner of a piece of land, which together with the other land belonging to the Hiers of Petrus Stuyvesant deceased, & to others, is contained in a public place laid out by the Commissioners appointed by the Act of the Legislature passed the 3rd of April 1807. And he prays that the Corporation will proceed to have this place opened, or else relinquish to him the right of ever opening it hereafter.

The Corporation cannot relinquish this right, & abolish the public place laid out by the Commissioners without an express law for that purpose. Nor are they obliged to open any street, square or public place until the public convenience may require it.

There may, however, be cases in which Justice would require that a street or place should be opened with as little delay as practicable; but in deciding whether the present case be one of that description, the interest of others must be considered [351] as well as that of the petitioner.

Whenever the place in question shall be opened the expence must be borne by the owners of the neighboring lots. None of these have expressed any desire to have the place opened.

In the present unimproved state of that part of the City, & during the present depression in the value of real estate, the Committee do not think that public convenience requires the opening of the place in question, or that it would be proper to impose the burden of opening it on the neighboring proprietors. They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is not, at present, expedient to comply with the petition of the said David Dunham.

P. A Jay.
Robt Swartwout.
(Signed) Geo B Thorp.
J Hammond.
Thos Bolton.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Silvanus Miller, presented a report which was read, the consideration thereof postponed, & it was directed to be printed for the use of the members.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Jackson & others inhabitants of the Bowery praying that the keepers of houses of entertainment may be permitted to exhibit their signs in conspicuous positions for the direction of Travellers, presented a report in favor of the Petitioners. The question being taken [352] thereon it passed in the Negative.

The same Committee on the Petition that Herring street may be regulated

Reported. That altho' Herring Street has been used for many years, as a public street, it is not a ceded street; but is claimed by your petitioners as private property. Your Committee, therefore decline acting on the petition, & offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
(Signed) S. P. Brittan.
Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Stephen Doane for Stall No 7 Grand Street Market,
Reported,

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

(Signed.) Harms Tallman.
Chas Town.
Saml Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Pinkerton & Forgay
[353] Reported,

That there appears to be a balance due the Petitioners for paving said Street; (Broadway) but, as a part of their contract was, that the money were to be paid them, when collected, & as the property is now advertised for the deficiency, & will be sold on the 26th Instant, & the money received into the Treasury, the Committee are of opinion, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners, & they offer the following resolution, accordingly.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen.
(Signed.) Samuel Tooker.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the account of the second Commissioners appointed on the subject of widening Dover Street.

Report, that they have examined said account, & believe the charges to be correct, except that for room hire; which, in the opinion of your Committee ought to be deducted from the bill, as the allowance of four dollars per day appears a sufficient compensation to cover any expence for the use of a room during the investigation of the subject committed to them.

The Committee therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, that a warrant pass for Six hundred and sixty nine dollars 72 Cents, in full for Commissioners fees & costs of proceedings in the Supreme Court, in the matter of Dover Street, whereof William [354] Torry, H Meigs & Thomas R Smith were Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, & a warrant directed to pass, accordingly.

The same Committee on the subject of the settlement of the account of Whitehead Fish Esqr deceased, late Chamberlaine, reported,

that pursuant to authority granted them on the 21st of August last they have effected a settlement with the Executors of Whitehead Fish, late City Treasurer.

In concluding the settlement the Committee have been compelled to agree to a considerable deduction from the Balance shewn by the exhibit laid before the Board on the 27th of March last.

The Balance claimed by the Corporation, as pr the exhibit alluded to was $27.391..63 Cents; & the Balance admitted by the Books of the Treasurer was $17.963.49 Cents, making a difference of $9.428.14 Cts

The best terms that could be obtained from the Executors, in an amicable way, were, the payment of the Balance shewn by the books kept by Mr Fish, with the addition of the one half of the difference above stated, amounting together to the sum of $22.677.56 Cts

Your Committee was induced to this arrangement in consequence of the assurances given them by the Executors, that many of the differences exhibited as emanating from erroneous entries of Warrants by [355] Mr Fish, were, on a reference to the warrants themselves, found to be errors of the former Comptroller, & that, the amount discovered was nearly three thousand dollars.

On friday last the warrants & other vouchers of the late Treasurer were delivered to the Committee by the Executors. The quantity of these papers together with their confused situation, & the short time allowed the Committee before the meeting of the Board, has prevented a thorough investigation of the errors alluded to by the Executors: but your Committee have so far ascertained their existence as to be able to identify six of the warrants charged more than the amount on the face of them. Two warrants, each numbered 841 & issued for the same purpose, both paid by the Treasurer but only one of them credited his account—one receipt on streets, charged 250 dollars more than the true amount, as appears from the original receipt furnished by the Collector—& four orders on the Treasurer by the Court of Sessions, neither of which have been credited him by the Comptroller: these errors are in addition to those exhibited to the Board on the 27th of March last, & including them amount to the sum of $9.166.58 Cts.

This state of the accounts was a circumstance of which your Committee could have no knowledge during the investigation of the Books previous to their last report; as the Vouchers were in the possession of the Executors, & they had no other means of detecting an error,

but by comparing the entries in the two books, & crediting or debiting the apparent difference.

Another inducement with your Committee in agreeing to this settlement was, that they entertained strong doubts, whether in a Court of Justice it would not have been difficult to prove all the items charged to the late Treasurer; for the fact of so many wrong entries being made in our own books, & the omission to examine the accounts of your own officer for nearly ten years [356] must have had a tendency in some measure, to weaken the claims of the Corporation against the Executors.

Under these circumstances of the case, the Committee conceived it to be their duty, & the interest of the public to agree to a settlement without resorting to a suit at Law, & the amount above stated has been paid into the Treasury, & the bond of sureties cancelled accordingly.

Your Committee cannot close their Report on this subject without expressing to the Board the great obligations they feel to Mr Fleming the present City Chamberlain for his unremitted & laborious services rendered in the investigation, & final adjustment of this unpleasant business: The time & talents of that Gentleman have been voluntarily bestowed, & the only reward he looks for or expects is the approbation of the Common Council, which the Committee do not doubt will be freely awarded him by every member of this Board.

The Finance Committee were authorized by a resolution passed the first of May last to engage a suitable person to assi[s]t the Comptroller in opening & arranging a new sets of books for his office. They have accordingly engaged Mr T. J. Waters for that purpose, & have now the satisfaction of presenting the Board with the first trial balance of said book.

In opening these books the Committee have lessened the number of accounts, & have endeavored to have those that are necessary so arranged as to make it easy to detect any error that may occur in the entries, & at the same time to afford prompt & correct information to the Board, when required, on all subjects connected with the finances of the City: And in order that the books may be continued in the style of correctness with which they were commenced, & the Comptroller have more time to Superintend the matters committed to him in & out of his office the Committee recommend that a clerk to the [357] Comptroller be appointed with a reasonable Salary per annum—And they accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that Talman J. Waters be, & he hereby is, appointed

clerk to the Comptroller, at a salary of Eight hundred per annum, payable quarter yearly, & that such salary take date from the 24th day of May last past.

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Allen.
(Signed) Saml Tooker.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Abijah Hammond for water grant reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abijah Hammond, praying for a grant of the ground under water in front of his property near the State Prison

Report—That on the 24th May 1813, the Common Council established a rate of quit-rent for all grants to be taken out thereafter. That several grants have been made since that date at the aforesaid rates.

That Mr Hammond will have to pay according to the aforesaid rates, for every foot in width, calculating the average of his front & rear lines, & in length not exceeding 170 feet, from the year 1820 to 1827. seventy five cents: from 1827 to 1834. one dollar & 25 Cents, & after that period two dollars per foot. That your Committee are of opinion the aforesaid rates ought to be continued, & not departed from in this instance, except that Mr Hammond requires several feet more in length than the above rule allows, [358] & they therefore recommend, that a grant be executed to Abijah Hammond for the ground under water in front of his property, as laid down in the annexed map, at the rates established on the 24th May 1813. for the third district on the North river; but that no additional charge be made for the excess in the length of said grant, if any such excess should appear, & they propose the following resolution, accordingly.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to carry into effect the recommendations contained in the foregoing report.

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Allen.
(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
B. Crane.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Stephen Gorham, Reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Gorham, praying that the time for his paying his assessment of 45 dollars for widening Washington Street, may be extended to the 1st day of May next.

Report, That the frequent calls on the Board for indulgence in the payment of assessments for improving streets, is a serious inconvenience to the finances of the City; & shews that so long as these improvements are *are* forced on the Inhabitants, there can be no calculation made of the amount necessary to cover the current & extraordinary drafts on the Treasury: for every improvement, of this nature, leaves a sum more or less large to be provided for by the Corporation; & altho' a part of it again [359] returns to the Treasury, years frequently elapse before its receipt.

The Committee conceive it to be their duty to impress on the members of the Board, the necessity of ascertaining whether the neighborhood of an improvement are able to bear the expence of regulating, paving or opening a Street, before they recommend its adoption by the Common Council, in order that these calls upon their generosity may be avoided.

The Committee have determined to recommend no indulgence of the kind petitioned for, except under peculiar circumstances; & as they do not conceive this to be one that calls for such recommendation, they propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

Respectfully Submitted.

Stephen Allen.
(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Krapff, Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Krapff complaining that the 6th Avenue when opened will run thro' her buildings which prevents her from selling or leasing the same, & praying that the Corporation will direct that such means should be taken as to cause her property to become available

[360] Report, that [they] have had the subject under consideration, but are unable to Suggest any remedy for the evil said to be experienced by the petitioner. The case of the petitioner is not singular, how-

ever, for all who own property in the unopened Avenues & squares, are similarly situated, & were the Corporation bound to remunerate for the imaginary damages of those owning property in the numerous reservations marked out on the Map of the Commissioners, there would be no calculating the extent of the demand, nor the amount necessary to satisfy it.

The Committee propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition. Respectfully submitted.

(signed) S. Allen. Sam[l] Tooker. B. Crane
S. P. Brittan & J. Hammond.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Abraham Stagg reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Stagg praying that he may be paid a balance due him for regulating & paving Grand Street,

Report, that *that* there appears to be a balance due the petitioner of $150.^{78}/_{100}$. This balance has been withheld, as the Committee have been informed, in consequence of the work being insufficiently finished. It has since been completed, & made satisfactory to the Street Commissioner; therefore no cause exists why the said balance should not be paid, & the Committee propose the following resolution.

Resolved that a Warrant pass for One hundred & fifty dollars 78 Cents, the balance in full for regulating & paving Grand Street, due Abraham Stagg.

[361] Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(Signed.) B. Crane.
S. P. Brittan
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of John Vanderlyn, report as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of M[r] Vanderlyn for painting a full length portrait of General Jackson requesting that the same may be paid, & that he may be permitted to retain the Portrait of the General at the Rotunda to the close of the

present month Report, That the amount charged by Mr Vanderlyn is 500 dollars, 200 of which were paid him some time since, leaving a balance of 300 due.

That the Committee have examined the painting alluded to, which was nearly completed. That it will require some days before the painting will be Sufficiently dry to permit its removal, & that there will be no impropriety in suffering it to remain at the Rotunda during that time as requested by Mr Vanderlyn. That the Committee have engaged a person to prepare a suitable frame for the picture, at the price of 70 dollars, & that the whole cost of the subject will be 570 dollars.

The Committee propose the following resolutions.

Resolved, that a warrant pass in favor of John Vanderlyn for 300 dollars, being the balance due him for painting a full length likeness of General Andrew Jackson, by order of the Corporation.

[362] Resolved, that Mr Vanderlyn be permitted to retain the said Portrait at the Rotunda until the 16th day of October next.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Repairs be instructed that on the 16th day of October aforesaid, he remove the said portrait from the Rotunda to the room in this Hall appropriated to this purpose.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen.
Saml Tooker.
(Signed.) B. Crane.
S. P. Brittan
J. Hammond

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was refferred the communication of the Street Commissioner on the Situation of the Piers at the foot of Jay Street & Pike Slip report as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred a communication from the Street Commissioner, calling the attention of the Board to the situation of the piers at the foot of Jay Street & Pike Slip,

Report, that they have examined the said Piers, & found them much out of repair, & requiring immediate attention.

That they have, also, examined the Southerly pier of the Albany bason, & the bulk-head forming the west side of Coenties slip, both of which require considerable repairs, the former immediately & the latter as soon as the business of the place will permit.

The Committee have engaged Mr Abraham Storms to perform [363] those repairs, most imperiously called for, & have estimated the whole expence at about $2900. & they offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that Abraham Storms be employed to perform the necessary repairs to that part of the Pier at the foot of Jay Street belonging to the Corporation; & also to the pier at the Albany Basin, & the pier at Pike Slip; & that such repairs be performed under the superintendence & direction of the Superintendent of repairs.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of repairs, be instructed to rebuild the bulkhead on the west side of Coenties slip, as early in the ensuing spring as the season will permit.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed.) Stephen Allen.
Abrm Valentine.
Asa Mann.
Herms Tallman.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of John Anderson report as follows:

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson, enclosing a claim on the Corporation of 1692 dollars 56 Cts for extraordinary work & materials in building the pier at the foot of Vesey street.

Report, that Mr Anderson entered into a contract on the second day of August 1819 to build the said Pier in a good, faithful & workmanlike manner, agreeably to a Diagram or Map attached to said contract, & the directions of the Street Commissioner, & your Committee. That immediately on his being informed that his estimate was the lowest, & before [364] he had executed the contract, he commenced building the blocks of said Pier, & as he alledges had laid the floor of said blocks 16 feet high—that he was informed, by order of the Street Commissioner that the Contract must be executed before he proceeded farther, & that the floors must be laid only 12 feet high—That he then proceeded under the inspection of Captn Barnum to build & sink the said blocks for which he now claims extra pay, tho', shortly after one of the blocks had been sunk, it turned & over, & other blocks were sunk to support the said displaced block. That the petitioner alledges the cause of the turning over of the block to be the laying of the floor 12 feet instead of 16 feet high as he first intended;

& that having obeyed the orders of the Street Commissioner in altering the said floor, he has a claim on the Board for the extra expence.

Your Comitee have had this subject under serious consideration, & from the best information they have been enabled to obtain, are of opinion that the cause of the block alluded to having turned over, was not the difference in the height of the floor, but more probably arose from the situation of the bottom of the river, or the careless manner of throwing in the stones at the time of sinking it: in either of which cases, the accident must have happened from Mr Anderson's own neglect, as he ought to have known the state of the bottom, & prepared his work accordingly, & the stone ought to have been regularly put in the block in order that it might sink & settle in a manner suitable to the state of the bottom.

The Committee are by no means satisfied with the building of this Pier, & in point of durability, do not believe it such as was contemplated by the Contract; & in this opinion they are joined by Mr Joshua Jones [365] who owns the north side of it, & has paid two thirds of the cost for the buil[d]ing. They are therefore of opinion that the amount already paid Mr Anderson, is the full value of the Pier alluded to, & they offer the following resolution accordingly,

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed.) Stephen Allen.
Abm Valentine
Asa Mann.
Hermn Tallman.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on public Lands & Places on the petition for the removal of the Hack stand from the Park reported as follows.

Report.

The Committee on Public Lands and places to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Broadway, praying for a removal of *of* the Hackney Coaches from before their doors to the other side of the park,

Report, that they have duly considered the subject, & are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable & ought to be granted— they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the present stand for Hack Carriages on the west side of the Park be vacated, and that hereafter their stand shall be on

the South East side of the Park between the Goal and the lower end of the Park fence, leaving Sufficient spaces for the convenience of foot passengers passing in & out of the Park at the different Gate ways.

Saml Tooker.
[366] (Signed) Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the African Church report as follows,

Report.

The Committee on Public Lands & Places to whom was referred a petition purporting to be from the Trustees of the African Zion church (but without the signature or seal of any one) praying the Corporation to cause a fence to be rebuilt on one side of their burying ground situated within Potters field—Report

That as it appears this piece of ground was gratuitously granted to this Congregation for the purpose of burying their dead—the Committee think it unreasonable that the Corporation should also be called upon to keep their fences in repair, they, therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Saml Tooker.
(Signed.) Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Garrit Gilbert Register of Deeds for a more spacious room, presented a report which was [367] read & laid for consideration—And the chairman was requested to write to the Chancellor, stating to him the necessity of occupying for the Register's Office the room in the Hall assigned to him & requesting his acquiescence in the same.

The same Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Smith complaing of the conduct of the Attorney of the Board, reported as follows.

Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of Henry Smith protesting against the counduct of the Attorney for

continuing a suit against the said Smith contrary to the instruction of the Committee—Respectfully Report.

That they have examined into said remonstrance, & find that Mr Smith did not comply with certain conditions which were necessary for discontinuing the suit. viz.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a petition from the said Smith in October last, stating that he had disposed of the Lot, & begging that the suit might be discontinued, did instruct the Attorney to discontinue the same when it should appear to him the said Attorney that the Sale or transfer was a bona fide one, by giving up the name of the purchaser. It appears to your Committee that the name of the purchaser was given up, but there was no evidence shewn to Satisfy the Attorney that the transfer was a bona fide one. Your Committee are therefore of an opinion that the Attorney in the continuance of said suit has acted perfectly correct, & would, therefore, beg leave to offer the *the* following resolution.

[368] Resolved, that the Attorney be instructed to proceed in the suit instituted against Henry Smith in October last, for the penalty incurred by not complying with an Ordinance to fill in a certain Lot of ground situate at the corner of Bleeker & Greene Streets, unless he the said Smith shall shew to the satisfaction of the Attorney, agreeable to the instructions of the Committee in February last, that the aforesaid transfer was a bona fide one, & pay such costs as may have accrued in the progress of the aforesaid prosecution, & the suit in Marine Court.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

(signed.) B. Crane. Chr
Thomas Bolton.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

A letter from Moses Cunningham, elected at last charter election Collector of the 8th Ward resigning his office of Collector was read & his resignation accepted; & the Mayor was requested to take such measures as might be necessary in relation to the election of a Collector for said Ward.

An account of Wm B. Cozens for refreshments furnished to the Cadets of the U. S. Military Academy on their visits on the 11th & 29th August, amounting to $469 was presented, & a warrant directed to pass for the same.

[369] On motion of Alderman Allen,

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be, & they are hereby authorised to fix, & from time to time to alter the salaries of the Clerks, Stewards, & other domestics employed, or to be employed in the Alms. House.

[370, 371 unnumbered and blank.]

[372] In Common Council September 25th 1820. 12 O'Clock.

Special Meeting,

Present. Peter A Jay Esqr Recorder. President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Asa Mann.	Hermanus Tallman.
David Board.	Charles Town.
George B. Thorp.	Shivers Parker.
Stephen Allen.	Stephen P Brittain.
	Isaac Emmons.
	Gerard Depeyster.
	Judah Hammond.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The resignation of Moses Cunningham, who was at the last Election for Charter Officers, elected Collector for the 8th Ward, having been accepted—the Board agreeably to the directions of the Law in that case made & provided, proceeded to direct an Election to be held to fill the vacancy, & it was resolved that an Election be held for the purpose of chosing a Collector of the 8th Ward in the place of Moses Cunningham who had resigned the Office, & that it be held on the Second Tuesday of October next—that Samuel M. Thompson [373] Jacob Aimes, & Stuart F. Randolph be Inspectors of said Election, & that the Poll be holden at the House of Charles Rowe in the Broad Way in said 8th Ward.

A remonstrance from Samuel Webb & others against a permission granted to remove a frame building from the corner of Oliver St & Chatham Square through the streets to the North side of Grand St was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich stating the great want the Inhabitants experience in not having a public Slip in the vicinity for landing of wood, & other articles, there being none in that neighborhood, North of Spring Street—stating also that Abijah Hammond had offered to sink a Bulk-head there, which would sufficiently accommo-

date them, & recommending that a grant of the Water Lot may be given to Mr Hammond on reasonable terms, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Jacob Scheiffelin was read, stating that he is Lessee of the Corporation of certain Lots on Chatham Street, the term of which expires in May 1825. That by a fire on the 25th Instant the houses on said Lots were destroyed & he suffered h[e]avy losses thereby; in consequence of which losses, & as he is now compelled to erect new Buildings on the Lots, he prayed that the term of his Lease might be extended.

Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Motion was made by Alderman Tooker that the confirmation of the [374] Assessment for the Bulk head & sewer in Broad street be reconsidered—which was agreed to. He then moved that it be reffered back to the Assessors for reconsideration, which was also agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Allen,

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Repairs be authorised to repair forthwith the Pier forming the West side of Fulton Slip.

On motion, the Resolution passed at last meeting for the Common Council to meet this evening was rescinded, & the Board adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 O'Clock.

(No Warrants passed.)

[375] In Common Council, October 2nd 1820.

Present. The Honl Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A Jay Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abm Valentine.
Asa Mann.	Hermanus Tallman.
David Board.	Benjamin Crane.
George B Thorp	Charles Town.
Stephen Allen.	Shivers Parker
	Stephen P Brittain.
	Isaac Emmons.
	Gerad De Peyster.
	Judah Hammond.

The minutes of the two last meetings were read & approved.

A petition from Silas Hicks for permission to construct a Vault at No 47 Cliff street was read & granted on the usual terms, under the directions of the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from Cornelius Harsen was received, stating that he some time since conveyed to the Corporation as collateral security a Lot of ground extending from Washington to West Street, near Charleton Street, conditioned for the payment of such sum as might be expended in filling in said street—That said street is now filled in, & he requested permission to Sell [376] under the direction of the Comptroller, so much of said lot as would be sufficient to pay the amount owing by him to the Corporation

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the New York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company was presented, stating that by the terms of the Lease from the Corporation they are bound to keep on said Ferry two Steam boats, in addition to sail & row boats—that they are satisfied that a Horse boat would now answer all the purposes of the Ferry, as well as a Steam boat, & could be employed at much less expence—That hitherto the Company have not made any profit upon their establishment—They therefore pray to be permitted to substitute a boat worked by horses in place of one of the Steam Boats.

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A petition of William Butler complaining of an Assessment on him in relation to a Lot between 4th & Amity streets, & also for the Sewer in Clarkson & Carmine Street, was read, & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition that White Street may be opened from Elm Street to Orange Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Patrick McDonald for remission of fine, incurred by keeping a dog without registering the same, & for which he was imprisoned was referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

[377] A request of Fire Engine Company N° 21 for permission to dispose of their present Engine, & to purchase in its stead one lately constructed by Abel Hardenbrook, upon a new & improved principle which might be effected by paying a difference of three hundred dollars, was read, & referred to the Committee on the fire department to make the purchase & exchange if they deem it proper.

A memorial was received from James W. Lent remonstrating against a report of the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips upon a petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Broad Street & Exchange slip complaining of the Assessment laid for cleansing the Drain in Broad Street, & building the Bulk-head at Exchange slip—which having been read was directed to be laid on the table.

A petition of Henry Suydam of said City—Baker, praying to be releived from a Judgment recovered against him on account of his Son James Suydam, a minor, having trespassed against one of the ordinances of the Corporation by incumbering the side walk with a wheel-barrow in which he carried bread to his customers, was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A further petition of William Pearsall to be appointed a measurer of Grain was presented, & on motion the prayer thereof was granted, & he was appointed accordingly.

A petition of Hannah Dixon was received, stating that she had been assessed for regulating Washington Street, for regulating Dey Street [378] for filling up the lower end of Dey Street, & for widening Washington Street to the amount of $920.$^{4}/_{100}$ of which she has paid a part—that she is at present unable to pay the Balance, & praying further time therefor—was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Albert Fisher for Stall N° 63 Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition was received from William Hall & others stating that they have brought into complete operation a machine for sweeping chimnies called "Hall's patent sweeping machine"—that for the accommodation of the Inhabitants they have established offices in the several Wards to which application may be made for the sweeping of the Chimnies in the City—They therefore request that the masters of the climbing boys, or chimney sweepers, may be compelled to establish offices in the different parts of the City, & that the boys may be prohibited from calling out in the Streets as is now practised by them.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A petition of George Hirst to be releived from a Judgment recovered against him for suffering a Dog, said to be owned by him to run at large—he not being the owner or proprietor of said Dog—was read, & referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of George Strite was received, stating that on the first of April 1817. he leased from the Corporation for the term of six years a Lot of Twenty, & a half Acres, situated in the 9th Ward—[379] that the land of the same is poor, & the shortness of his lease would not justify him in making those improvements on it which are necessary—he therefore solicited an extension of his lease for twenty one years, after the expiration of the present term

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 4.

James Galaudet, Shoe-maker N° 131 Greenwich Street 3d Ward vice, Richard J. Thorne, resigned

N° 5.

Henry Lawrence, Accountant N° 84 Chatham Street 6th Ward vice. Samuel J. Hicks—Removed from the City.

Thomas Vanderpool, Accountant N° 9 Dutch Street, 2d Ward. vice. William Simmons. Resigned.

N° 10.

Isaac Bird—Druggist N° 87 Bowery 10th Ward, vice William T Noble, Expelled for total neglect of duty.

N° 25.

John Hill, Carpenter, Elm Street 6th Ward. vice James Bennett Resigned

[380] John A. Butler, Publican, Oak Street, 4th Ward. vice, John Bonsall Junior, Resigned.

Charles T Douglass, Clerk N° 11 Peck's Slip. 4th Ward. vice, John A. Butler, Resigned.

Christian M. Heyle, Cabinet Maker—N° 57 Elm Street 6th Ward. vice, Godfrey C. Butler, forfeited by absence.

John Day, Printer, N° 347 Pearl Street. 4th Ward. vice, Reuben Knapp. Resigned.

Henry Day, Lock Smith, N° 347 Pearl Street. 4th Ward. vice. Dennis S Kelly Resigned.

John S Willett, Brass founder, Chamber & Augustus St 6th Ward. vice. Robert Morris. Resigned.

Josiah F. Crane, Brass founder, Chamber & Augustus St 6th Ward. vice, Thomas McGuire, Resigned.

Samuel Wooley, Shoe maker N° 71 Chapel Street. 5th Ward vice Abraham A Maibie. Resigned.

Solomon Brown, Morocco-dresser, N° 10 Rose St 4th Ward. vice John Seaman, Resigned.

[381] Thomas Ellis. Morocco dresser N° 10 Rose St 4th Ward. vice. Joseph Thomas. Resigned.

Peter Bertine, Mason, N° 111 Duane Street. vice Joseph C Butler. Forfeited by Absence.

William S Ross, Coach Maker, N° 111 Duane Street vice, Thurston Cooper, forfeited by absence.

Philip Conklin, Hatter, N° 90 Reed Street 5th Ward. vice, Joseph Demaray Junior forfeited by absence.

N° 26.

James Riker, Grocer. Division. c. Essex 10th Ward vice. John S Willett, Resigned.

N° 26.

Ira Munson, House Carpenter, N° 47 Essex St 10th Ward. vice, Henry Day. Resigned.

The Street Commission presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed, & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. viz. for well & pump in Henry Street, near Pike Street—for rebuilding a sewer in Burling Slip, & for a well & pump in Mulberry Street near Prince Street.

He also presented the following return of property sold for Non payment of Assessments, which was directed to be filed.

[382] The Street Commissioner has the honor to inform the Common [383] Council that in pursuance of their directions—the following described property was sold on the 26th Ult° for the payment of sundry Assessments. viz.

	Discript^{n} of property	To whom assessed.	Street	Feet	Amount paid	To whom sold.	Term of years.
1	One Lot	George Bell	Delancy	.....	23.38	William T. Lawrence	18. yrs.
2	One ditto	Heirs of Coles Newcomb	Broome	.....	28.81	Thomas Scott	20. "
3	House & Lot.	John H Sickels	Hammond	21′ 3″	42.29	Isaac Ammerman	3. "
4	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	20.	40.79	the same	3. "
5	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	20′.3″	49.63	the same	3. "
6	House & Lot	Aaron Henry	ditto	29′.7	119.75	the same	9. "
7	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	75′.	125.41	Joseph D. Everingham	10. "
8	Sundry Lots	B. McKinnie	4th St corner Broad Way	277′.	941.52	Bank of New York	50. "
	ditto	sold subject to Assessment for the Minetto sewer		.....	$ 12.		
9	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	267′.8″	829.85	the same	20. "
	ditto	sold subject to Assessment for the Minetto sewer		.....	$ 4.		
10	House & Lot	Peter Craubuck	Bowery	50′.	162.42	W. W. Winans	4. "
11	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	75′.6″	194.33	Isaac Ammerman	5. "
13	One Lot	Skiffington Selby	Broad Way	25′.	98.70	Bartholomew McGaraghan	16. "
	ditto	sold subject to Assess^{t} for the sewer		.....	$ 2.		
14	Two Lots	Pott & McKinnie	ditto	50′.	184.40	William Roe	19. "
	ditto	sold subject to Ass^{t} for Minetto sewer		.....	8.		
15	One Lot	Robert Connelly	Orange	95′.6	122. 7	Bartholomew McGaraghan.	20. "
	ditto	sold subject to Ass^{t} for filling up the Lot		.....	35.12		
16	2/5 of a Gore	Est. of N Bayard	ditto	465′.6	207.95	Stephen N. Bayard	19. "
17	House & Lot	Dennis Sinnen	Ludlow	100′.	143.87	Bartholomew McGaraghan.	4. "
18	¼ part Hudson Square.	Trinity Church	Hudson	438′.	995.75	Gold Hoyt	10. "
19	1 Lot	Owner unknown	Varick	19′.	36.33	Gideon Tucker	12. "
21	1 do	ditto	Essex	25′.	23.41	John C Hamilton	1. "
22	½ of Lot N° 742.	Es of Gibbons	Grand	25x50	293.74	Joseph Dean & Wm Osborn.	17. "
23	One Lot	John. Minuse	do	100	243.62	Wm T Lawrence	30. "
24	House & Lot	Phebe Lent	Duane	25	35.34	Wm J Waldron	2. "
25	One Lot	Samuel Jones	Canal	61′.3″	350.87	Isaac Ammerman	500. "
	do sold subject to Ass^{t} for Canal S^{t} sewer $350. & for ass^{t} for regulating Canal Street $266.91						
26	House & Lot	Owner unknown	Oliver S^{t}	.....	289.97	W. W. Winans	5. "
	do sold subject to the second Ass^{t} for straightening Oliver Street $47.						

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) John McComb, S^{t} Com^{r}

[384] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances. viz[t]

No 1.	A H Lawrence,	owner		Wooster Street	a Lot
2.	A L. Stewart	do		Watts do	ditto
3.	Mrs Renwick	do	J Renwick agent	Renwick do	ditto
4.	Js N Wells	do		do do	ditto
5.	Peter Smith	do		Bleecker do	ditto
6.	Peter G Stuyvesant	*Orange St*		Orange do	ditto
7.	Wm Love	*do*		do	ditto
8.	John F Delaplaine	Agent		Sheriff St	ditto
9.	John Lessee	Lessee & occupant		34 Augustus St	a privy.

(Signed.) George Cuming. Cy Inspr

The Counsel presented the following.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a lease of a ferry to Philip Hone. This lease has been drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board.

The Counsel also submits for execution three leases to Joseph Place of lots at Brooklyn. These leases have been before submitted to the Board & are now re-submitted in consequence of a misapprehension as to the periods for which they were to be renewed, which has rendered it necessary that they should be altered.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the said leases were directed to be duly executed.

[385] The Committee of Repairs to whom had been referred that part of the presentment of the Grand Jury which related to the Debtors Prison reported,

The Committee of Repairs to whom was referred so much of the Grand Jurors report as related to the repairs of the City Prison. Report that they have been through the building, & examined the same. They, however find nothing very important that is necessary to be done, except some little repairs about the roof, & also some glass to be replaced.

They, therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Superintendent of repairs cause the roof to be mended & also to supply the place of the broken glass.

(Signed) Geo B Thorp,
S. P Brittain.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village praying that a public slip may be established in the Vicinity, reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Miller & others, praying that a public Slip may be established in the Vicinity of Greenwich Village, or that a grant may be made on moderate terms to Abijah Hammond Esq^{r} to build a Bulk-head in front of his property which will answer the purpose of a slip for that part of the City, Report,

That they have had a conference with M^{r} Hammond, since their report on the subject of his application for a grant of the ground under water in front of his property near the State Prison, & have ascertained that he declines taking out said Grant on the terms prescribed by said Report: but he is willing to take a Grant on the following conditions. To pay for the first seven [386] years 25 Cents p^{r} foot; for the second seven years 62½ Cents per foot; for the third seven years one dollar p^{r} foot, & forever, thereafter, two dollars p^{r} foot.

The inconvenience of the Inhabitants at Greenwich for want of a proper landing, & the expence that would be incurred in providing one at the public cost, together with the consideration that the property of M^{r} Hammond is at the extreme end of the last district on the North River included in the general regulation for water grants, & therefore, cannot be so productive to the owner as the property at the lower part of the district, have induced the Committee to recommend that a grant be given to M^{r} Hammond on the terms above stated, & they offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller prepare a grant to Abijah Hammond for the ground, under water, in front of his property near the State Prison, & that such grant be made on the terms specified in the foregoing Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam^{l} Tooker.
(Signed.) S. P Brittain.
J. Hammond.
B. Crane.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of John V. Conklin for Stall N° 9 Spring street Market reported.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John V Conklin, praying for licence for Stall N° 9 Spring street [387] market, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm^{s} Tallman.
(Signed.) Charles Town.
Samuel Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of J. M^{c}Cready for Stall N° 31 Catharine Market, & of John M Smith for Stall N° 2 same market, reported.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John M^{c}Cready praying for a licence for stall N° 31 Catharine Market, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm^{s} Tallman.
(Signed.) Ch^{s} Town.
Sam^{l} Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of John M Smith praying for a licence for Stall N° 2 Catharine Market beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Herm^{s} Tallman.
(Signed.) Ch^{s} Town.
Sam^{l} Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

which were approved & the resolutions adopted.

[388] The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Daniel M^{c}Laren Junior reported,

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of D M^{c}Laren Jun^{r}, praying the remission of a penalty incurred by him, in obstructing the City Sealer, while doing his duty,

Respectfully report.

That not having been able to discover any good reason why the penalty should be remitted. M^{r} M^{c}Laren acknowledges in the petition

that he did obstruct him. The Jury before whom the cause was tried, after a patient investigation, in which Mr McLaren did set up a defence, gave their verdict against him; & as your Committee believes justly.

They are, therefore of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, & beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that its inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully Submitted

B. Crane.
(Signed.) Thos Bolton.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

Mr Crane, Chairman on Public Offices, reported, that agreeably to the direction of the Common Council, he had written to Chancellor Kent on the subject of using the room, at present occupied by the Court of Chancery [389] for the accommodation of the Register's Office, a copy of which letter he read in the words following.

New York Septr 19th 1820.

Sir,

The Register's Office, having undergone a considerable change by double Indexing the Records, Mr Gilbert the Register, some time since, petitioned the Corporation for a larger Room, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices. The Common Council, at their meeting yesterday, pass'd a Resolution, instructing me as Chairman of that Committee to write to the Chancellor to know if it would be convenient for him to hold his Court, when in the City, in the Supreme Court room, thereby enabling them to comply, not only with the request of Mr Gilbert. but to accommodate the Gentlemen of the Bar, by fitting up the Room now occupied by the Chancellor for the reception of the Records.

I am happy, Sir, in having the honor of complying with the resolution of the Board, & hope no inconvenience would arise in the change, as the Register's Office is entirely too small for the reception of the additional Volumes.

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully.

The Honorable James Kent
Albany.

(Signed) B. Crane, Chairman of Committee.

To which he has received from Chancellor Kent the following reply

Sir, Albany, September 25th 1820.

I did not receive your letter of the 19th until this morning as I was last week out of Town.

The Supreme Court Room would be perfectly convenient & agreeable to me, & I see no objection from the public or the Bar that [390] the Court of Chancery should always be held in the Room where the Supreme Court sits. The attention paid to the Court in which I preside, by the resolution to which you refer, is very grateful to my feelings, & demand my respectful acknowledgment.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obdt Servt

Benjamin Crane Esqr (Signed.) James Kent

The Report of the Committee on the Memorial of G. Gilbert which was presented at the Meeting on the 18th Ulto & was laid for consideration was now called up, was read & is as follows,

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a communication, requesting that a larger room might be granted for the reception of the County Records

Respectfully report,

That they have examined the Room, now occupied by the Register, & are of opinion that a larger Room ought to be appropriated for that purpose.

Your Committee would recommend the fitting up of the Room usually occupied by the Chancellor, believing, as they do, that no inconvenience would arise from the change, as your Committee are informed the Supreme Court, agreeable to a new arrangement, sits but once a year in the City, & therefore the Chancellor may hold his Court in the same Room.

They would, therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Committee, on Repairs, be instructed to have the Room, usually occupied by the Chancellor, & known as the South [391] East room in the first story of the Hall, fitted up in such a manner as may be necessary for the reception of the Records now in Register's Office.

Respectfully submitted
by the Committee,
B. Crane. Chn
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Abm Valentine.

Wherefore the Report was approved & the Resolution proposed adopted.

The Committee of Public Offices on the petition of Benjamin H Hinds reported.

The Committee on public offices to whom was referred the petition of Captn B Hinds, praying to be liberated from prison,

Respectfully Report,

That they have duly considered the subject for which Captn Hinds is imprisoned. Viz for not reporting a passenger on his arrival at this port, & for landing passengers at Amboy, with an intent to proceed to (New York) the City contrary to a Law of this State, forbidding the landing of any such passengers within Fifty miles of the city.

Your Committee are of an opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted, inasmuch as they believe the landing of the passengers, as aforesaid, was intended as an evasion of the Law.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, unless he shall enter into Bonds for the Passengers landed at Amboy, together with the one entered here, & pay such costs as may have accrued.

[392] Respectfully Submitted
by the Committee.

B. Crane. Chn
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Stagg & others respecting widening Dover Street, reported,

The Committee of Assessment to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Stagg Junr & others respecting Dover Street,

Report,

That they have thoroughly considered the subject referred to them, & are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to improve that Street in the manner contemplated. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to apply to the Supreme Court at their next term, for an order to discontinue the proceedings in the case of Dover Street.

Resolved, that this Resolution be published in the News papers employed by the Corporation.

Ch^{s} Town. Ch^{n}
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Tho^{s} S Townsend.
B. Crane.

M^{r} Bolton moved to strike out from the 1st Resolution all the words after Resolved, for the purpose of introducing a Resolution direct- [393] ing the Counsel to take legal measures for opening said street—the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The questions were then taken on the several Resolutions, & carried in the affirmative.

The same Committee on the petition of Harman Westervelt reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Harman Westervelt, stating that a sum of money has been assessed for making a Common Sewer in Carmine Street on four lots of ground, two of which he contracted to sell in the month of July 1819, & that he did convey the same, in pursuance of his contract in the month of May last, & praying that his property may be discharged from liability for said Assessment, on paying one half of the same.

Report.

That there is no law authorising any apportionment of an Assessment. That the remedy which the Statute has provided for persons aggreived in such cases is by a suit against the person who by agreement, or by Law, ought to have paid it—and that the Corporation cannot grant the prayer of the Petitioner, without relinquishing one half of the Assessment.

As cases of real hardship frequently occur, in consequence of property being taxed or assessed as belonging to [a] single Individual, when in fact it belongs to several. The Committee are of opinion that it is expedient that a law should be passed authorising the Comptroller to apportion the Taxes, & the Street Commissioner the Assessments in such cases.

There is a law which invests the Comptroller of the State with this power in cases in which taxes are returned to his Office as unpaid.

[394] The Committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, towit.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Law in pursuance of this Report, & a Memorial to the Legislature praying for the passage of the same.

Resolved, the collection of the Assessment on Harman Westervelt's property be suspended until the first day of May next.

Chas. Town. Ch[n]
(Signed.) Tho[s] Bolton.
Thomas S. Townsend.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Abijah Arden, Report.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Miss Abijah Arden, praying to be relieved from paying personal tax, assessed on her in the 6th Ward, giving as a reason therefor, that at the time the assessment was laid, she was a resident of New Jersey & that she still continues to reside in that state.

Report, that they have given the petitioner's case a careful examination, & find that the Ass[ess]ors were in possession of all the objections raised on this occasion by Miss Arden, they were convinced that she did, at that time, reside in the 6th Ward, & assessed her accordingly, & that they have had no reason since to think that they have acted incorrectly.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to relief, & respectfully submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought [395] not to be granted.

Ch[s] Town.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend

Which was approved, & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Richard Byrd, reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Richard Byrd, stating that he had been called on by the Collector of arrears of taxes for $21.50 & praying to be relieved from the same.

Report, that on examining the petitioner's case, & from the testimony of two respectable merchants, they are satisfied that, at the time the assessment was laid he had been in the City but a few months, was a Clerk in a mercantile house, and being possessed of no personal property, had not the most distant idea that he had been assessed, until he received a notice from M[r] George B Smith demanding payment.

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, & respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of arrears of taxes be instructed to

decline collecting the personal tax assessed on Richard Byrd in the 3rd Ward in 1819.

Chas Town.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved, & the Resolution adopted.

[396] The same Committee on the petition of Jacob B. Clarke, reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Jacob B. Clark, praying to be relieved from paying 14 per Cent Interest charges on $21.50 personal tax, assessed on him in the 3d Ward in 1819.

Report, that on examination of the case they are satisfied that the first intimation the petitioner ever had of the tax, was the notice sent him by the Collector of arrears of taxes—that he was absent from the City 4 months in 1819. & had no knowledge of his having been assessed.

Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, & for that purpose respectfully submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Collector of Arrears of taxes be instructed to receive from Jacob B Clarke $21.50 in full for personal tax assessed on him in the 3d Ward, in 1819.

Chas Town. Chn
(signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Charity on the petition of Edward Keregan Reported,

The Committee of Charity to whom the petition of Edward Keregan was referred praying the amount of costs paid by him in the 2nd District Court be refunded.

Report, that they have considered his case, & from his poverty would have recommended the cost to be returned, but believing it would be setting a dangerous precedent, they therefore offer the following resolution.

[397] Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Shivers Parker.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
David Board.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Watchmen of the 2nd District, Reported.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Watchmen in the 2nd district praying to be excused from receiving & forwarding the prisoners sent to the Watch house by the Marshalls Report, that they have considered the subject, & are of opinion they ought to be releived, they therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved that His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Marshalls to deliver their prisoners to the Watch House in the City Hall in lieu of delivering them at the other Watch Houses.

Asa Mann.
David Board
(Signed.) Isaac Emmons
Charles Town.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The same Comittee to whom was referred the complaint of the Inhabitants of Orange & Cross Streets of the Riotous conduct of per sons in those Streets reported.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of [398] the Inhabitants living in Orange & Cross Streets, stating that there is often Riots, & disturbance in said street, the Committee have had the subject under consideration, & recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that the subject be referred to the Justices of the Police Court with a request that they use all the means in their power to abate said grievance.

Asa Mann.
David Board.
(signed.) Isaac Emmons.
Chs Town.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of the Hay Cartmen reported.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Hay Cartmen, praying to be compensated for Inspecting the hay that they cart, Report

That they have had the subject under consideration, and find by the Law to regulate the landing & carting hay in the city of New York, the Hay Cartmen are compelled to take an Oath to inspect the Hay they cart, & are also subject to a fine for neglect of their duty.

The Committee believe the prayer of the petitioners reasonable & right to be granted, And offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Hay Cartmen be entitled to receive twelve & a half cents for each load of hay they inspect, one half to be [399] paid by the seller, & one half by the purchaser.

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board bring in an Ordinance to amend said Law agreeably to the above resolution.

Asa Mann.
David Board
(signed.) Isaac Emmons.
Ch^{s} Town.
Ab^{m} Valentine.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Report of the Special Committee on the petition of Silvanus Miller, respecting taking the ground for the site of a Public Market at Fulton Slip which was laid for consideration, was now called up, & being read was in the words following,

To the Common Council of the City of New York.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Silvanus Miller, Report,

That M^{r} Miller in the said Memorial represents that he is seised in fee simple of two Lots of Land situate between Fulton Slip & the Crane Wharf, & being part of the land on which it has been intended to erect a public Market.

That the measures which have been taken by this Corporation to obtain possession of that property have, for a long time past prevented him from selling or improving it to advantage by reason of which he has sustained great loss.

And he prays that the Corporation will forthwith take the premises at the appraised value, & will also afford him a fair [400] compensation for the damages he has suffered.

It is obvious that M^{r} Miller's situation & rights are the same with those of all the other proprietors owning lands which form part of the site of the intended Market; and that whatever relief may be afforded to him must, in Justice be also extended to them.

The decision which may be made of this Memorial, therefore, involves the determination of the important question, whether this Corporation will persevere in the proceedings which are now pending for the purpose of obtaining possession of the land in question.

If it were now to be decided for the first time whether that land

should be purchased, & a Market erected upon it the Comm^e apprehend there would be little difference of opinion. The expence of paying for the land, & erecting the Market was estimated in 1815 at $220,000.

In the present state of affairs it does not appear to the Committee either necessary or expedient to add so large a sum, for such a purpose to the City debt.

The Committee who made the above mentioned estimate in 1815. proposed to defray the expence as follows. 1^st^ by appropriating to that purpose $140,000 due to the City from the United States, & 2^nly^ by a loan of $80,000. of which they proposed to discharge the Interest, & ultimately pay off the principal by the Revenue to be derived from the Market itself. This Revenue they estimated as follows.

The Rent of 32 Counting Rooms proposed to be built over the Market at $150	$4.800.
The Rent of 32 Cellars under the Market @ $200	6.400.
The Rent of 76 Stalls	11.400.
Total.....Dollars	22.600.

[401] The money from the United States has since been received & applied to other purposes, & there is little probability that Counting houses & Cellars would at this time produce the Revenue upon which the above calculation is founded.

Presuming then that the project of erecting the Market is to be abandoned, the Committee proceed to enquire how far the Corporation is pledged to the proprietors, either to purchase their lands, or to make them compensation for any injury they may have sustained.

To enable the Common Council to decide this question, with a full knowledge of the subject, the Committee think it will be useful to lay before them a summary of the proceedings of the Board relating to it

After several preliminary reports & Discussions, on the 8^th^ June 1816. the Common Council finally resolved to erect a new Market near Beekman Slip, & directed legal measures to be taken to obtain the ground necessary for that purpose.

On the 29^th^ January 1816 a Memorial to the Legislature was agreed to, praying that a Law might be passed, authorising the Corporation to take possession of the ground, & to pay for it out of the City Treasury.

On the 29^th^ March 1816. a law pursuant to the prayer of the Memorial was passed by the Legislature.

On the 7th October 1816. a Memorial to the Legislature was ordered to be prepared, praying for an additional law authorising the Corporation to take the Land under Water, adjoining the land already intended for the scite of the Market.

[402] On the 5th November 1816. It was resolved so to amend the Memorial, as to pray that the Commissioners to be appointed to value the property, might be authorised to assess part of the expence on persons whose property might be enhanced in Value by reason of the proposed establishment of the Market.

On the 14th March 1817. the Legislature passed an Act as prayed for by the Corporation.

By this Act the Common Council were authorised to direct the Commissioners to make an estimate of the benefit to the Owners of the Lands to be benefitted by the erecting of the new Market, & the removal of the Fly Market.

On the 24th March 1817 the Council was directed to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners.

On the 7th April 1817 a petition to the Court for that purpose was agreed to & ordered to be authenticated.

On the 5th October 1817. A Resolution was passed, directing the Commissioners to estimate the benefit of persons to be benefitted by the intended & improvement.

On the 12th October 1818. A Resolution was passed requesting the Commissioners to suspend their proceedings till the further order of the Board.

On the 15th March 1819 The Board resolved that their former Resolution requesting the Commissioners to suspend their proceedings be repealed, & that the Clerk so inform them.

On the 28th June 1819. It was resolved that the Counsel prepare the report of the Commissioners, & present the same at [403] the next August Term of the Supreme Court.

On the 30th November 1818 the Counsel informed the Board that the Commissioners had completed their estimate, but had not made any Assessment on persons benefitted by the intended improvement; Whereupon the Counsel was ordered to suspend preparing a Report to the Supreme Court, til the further order of the Board.

On the 26th July 1819. It was referred to the Finance Committee to devise ways & means for paying the Amount at which the ground between Beekman Slip & Crane Wharf may be valued by the Commissioners.

On the same day it was resolved, that the Counsel take such meas-

ures as may appear to him adviseable to prevent further improvements in the premises, if there is any probability of their being assessed to the Corporation.

There have been other resolutions on this subject proposed & negatived, & several Reports made which have not been acted upon, but the foregoing are believed to be only acts sanctioned by the Common Council.

From them it appears that the Board did at one time suspend the proceedings yet that they shortly after repeated their resolution & in June 1819. directed their Counsel to present the Report at the next term of the Supreme Court for confirmation: & that with this exception, the Board has ever since January 1816. persisted in the determination to take the ground in question.

They have applied for, & obtained two Acts of the Legislature for this purpose. They have proceeded under those acts, & procured Commissioners to be appointed to value the property. The Commissioners have performed that duty—The Board have ordered their report [404] to be presented for confirmation. They have directed their Counsel to take measures to prevent improvements being made in the mean time by the Proprietors; & they have directed their Finance Committee to devise means for paying for the ground.

Under these circumstances the Committee think that the Corporation is committed. That after having for four years & upwards resolved to take the property, & during so long a period prevented or retarded its Improvement: after having procured it to be valued, & when the valuation is in the hands of their officer, it is too late to retract, & to tell the proprietors that its amount is more than we are willing to pay.

The Committee therefore are of opinion that one of two alternatives should be adopted. Either to take the Land & afterwards sell it —Or to obtain permission from the Legislature to discontinue all proceedings on making compensation to the proprietors.

The first of these will, in their opinion be most advantageous. In estimating the damages which Individuals have sustained, the data must necessarily be extremely uncertain. The testimony to be adduced must be mere matter of opinion, & in doubtful cases there is always a leaning in favor of Individuals & against the Corporation. So that the total amount of damages cannot be estimated before hand, & will probably be very considerable.

In the other mode no loss can be incurred except the difference between the Valuation, & the price at which the land may be sold.

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions,

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board take measures to complete the proceedings already commenced for the purpose of vesting in [405] this Corporation the title to the lands mentioned in the Act entitled an Act authorising the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain lands—passed March 14th 1817.

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare a petition to the Legislature, praying that a Law may be passed authorising this Corporation to sell & convey the Lands mentioned in the afore said Act.

(Signed.) P. A. Jay,
Robt Swartwout
J. Hammond.
Thomas Bolton.
Geo B Thorp.

Mr Emmons presented the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare a petition to the Legislature, praying that the Act entitled an Act authorising the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain lands for a Market, passed March 14th 1817. that the same be repealed, & that all other proceedings to obtain the above mentioned lands be discontinued.

It being in order to take the question first on the resolution proposed in the report of the Committee, the same was accordingly taken, & it was carried in the affirmative, when the Ayes & Noes having been requested by Alderman Mann to be taken they were as follows,

Ayes. Mr Recorder, Aldermen, Tooker, Townsend, Thorp, Allen. Messrs Bolton, Valentine, Tallman, Crane, Town, Brittain, Hammond.

Noes. Aldermen, Mann, Board. Messrs Parker, Emmons, Depeyster.

[406] Alderman Allen then presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised on the Commissioners having completed their Report, & the same having been confirmed by the Supreme Court to borrow on the credit of this Corporation such sum as may be necessary to pay the amount at which the ground alluded to in the foregoing resolution shall be valued by the Commissioners, & that the money thus borrowed be repaid from the Sale of the said property.

Mr Recorder then proposed the following, which was agreed to,

Resolved that the Resolution of this Board of the 5th October 1817, directing the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the aforesaid Act to estimate the benefit of persons to be benefited by the then intended Improvement be & the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Repairs be directed to cause the Well in Pike Street, near Henry Street to be filled up.

[407 and 408, blank.]

[409] In Common Council, October 16th 1820.

Present The Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistant
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swartwout.	Charles Town.
Robert McQueen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
George B Thorp.	Gerard De Peyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved.

A Report was received from Benjamin Ferris Esqr Clerk of the City & County of New York, stating the Votes taken in the 8th Ward on the 9th & 10th of October Instant for a Collector of said Ward in place of Moses Cunningham who had resigned that office by which return it appeared that Robert Murden was duly elected by a majority of votes, whereupon, the said Robert Murden was declared duly elected, & the Clerk was directed to give him notice thereof.

A petition of William Crawbuck for a Stall in the Fly Market [410] was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A similar petition from Mead Darrow was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Marinus Willett remonstrating against the removal of the Ferry at Grand Street was read & laid for consideration.

A Memorial of John M Lester in behalf of the Peace Officers employed to attend at the City Hall on the celebration of the Anniversary of Independence on the 4th of July last praying further compensation than has been allowed to them for their services was read & referred to the Committee of Arrangements appointed for that occasion.

A Memorial of a Committee in behalf of a number of the Citizens of the first Ward who had been assessed for building the Bulkhead, extending the Sewer, & cleansing the same, complaining of the said Assessment as unequal & erroneous, was read, and referred to the Committee of Assessments.

The petition of James W Lent presented at last meeting & laid on the table was now referred to the same Committee.

A petition that the side walks in Greenwich Street between Spring & Watts Street that are not paved be paved on or before the first of December next, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the request.

A petition of John Requa for appointment to some Office was read, & referred to the Committee on Applications.

[411] A Memorial was received from John Mason stating that he has a Bond & Mortgage on Lots Nos 86 & 92 Common Lands the title of which is in the name of Henry Deckers, & which are advertised for Sale at Auction, that petitioner is willing to pay the Taxes on said Lots; but it appears that Mr Deckers is assessed for 56 Acres, & the Collector will not receive a portion of the Tax, & petitioner prays releif.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from a Society of young men who have associated themselves together for purposes of improvement in Natural history & other branches of science, & praying that they may be accommodated with a room for the purposes of their Institution, was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial from the owners of Hackney Carriages stating that the establishment of Hack stands in the Streets is attended with very demoralizing effects to the drivers employed by them, & is attended with serious injury to their business, & praying that the same may be abolished, & a remonstrance from the Inhabitants residing near the Park, complaining of the riotous & indecent conduct of the drivers of the Carriages, & praying the Stand may be removed from the Park, were read & referred to the Committee on Public lands & places.

A petition from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Bleeker, Lawrence, Thompson & Sullivan Streets praying that Watchmen may be stationed in that part of the City, was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

[412] A petition of Smith Bloomfield, praying that a balance due him on the contract for paving Chapple Street, may be paid to him,

was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of the Inhabitants of the upper end of Cross Street praying that a Lamp may be established in that part of the City was read, & referred to the Lamp Committee.

A petition of Thomas Garniss & others residents of the block of buildings on Chatham Street, between Oliver & Catharine Streets, stating that they are informed that a new regulation of Chatham Street is contemplated, & praying that no new alteration may be made therein, was referred to the Street Committee, with powers to give such directions as they should judge expedient.

A petition of Jeremiah Youmans praying to be relieved from assessments laid upon a Lot belonging to him in Chapple Street, for the Sewer in Chapple Street, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of the Trustees of the Congregation of Sherath Israel praying further time for payment of an assessment for Oliver Street was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A further petition from John Anderson for allowance [413] for two extra blocks sunk by him at Vesey Street wharf was read, & Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A letter was presented from John Leveridge Esq^{r} Justice of the District Court of the 7th & 10th Wards, stating the necessity of erecting a Stove in the Court room, & the room assigned to the Clerk was read, & referred to the Committee of Repairs to direct the same to be done, if in their opinion necessary & proper.

A Petition was received from James M Tuttle, remonstrating against the assessment for a Well & Pump on Henry Street near the corner of Pike Street, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Samuel Evans to be permitted to cut a s[l]ip at the Ferry wharf at foot of Walnut Street to enable carts &^{c} to pass, on condition that he should restore it to the present state at the expiration of his lease was read & referred to the Ferry Committee with authority to grant the request.

A petition of Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs praying further compensation for the performance of the duties of his office, was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from John Bailey p[r]aying payment of Balance due to him on Contract for filling in & regulating North Street, was read &

referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

[414] A petition of the proprietors of the pier on the west side of Peck Slip, praying that said pier may be raised, as it is now overflowed by high tides, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

An offer was received from Jacob Barker to purchase from the Corporation a small piece of vacant ground in rear of Fireman's Hall in Fulton Street, for which he would give One hundred dollars, or if not deemed expedient to sell the same, that he might be permitted to have the use of it until wanted for public use, which was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Elizabeth Culley praying remission of a fine imposed on her Son Thomas Chapman Culley for acting as a porter without licence for which he is in the Debtor's prison, was read & referred to the police Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The Following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Com^{y} N^{o} 8

John Eagles, Dry Good Store, Chatham Street Ward vice Malem Ketchel. Resigned to leave the City.

N^{o} 13.

Peter Townsend Jun^{r} Accountant. Van de Water S^{t} 4th Ward, vice Jacob S. Duryea. Left the City.

[415] N^{o} 26

Joseph W Rogers, Brass founder, N^{o} 100 Pump S^{t} 6th Ward. vice John Day. Resigned.

N^{o} 34.

Lansing Lacy, Carpenter, Perry Street, 9th Ward. vice Peter P Roome Resigned

Henry Van Wart, Stone Cutter, King Street 8 Ward vice James T Voorhis Resigned, remov^{d} to the country.

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices, viz. against Mess^{rs} Dobbs & Furman, Street Contractors for not removing the dirt from the following streets. viz. Delancy, Orchard, Ludlow, Norfolk Suffolk & Forsyth Streets. Against the following persons complained of

by the sealer of weights & measures. David B Kain Elijah Valentine, Alexander M^cClure, Marsh & Wall, Alexander Frazer, & Aaron B Jackson. Also against Mary Lockwood, & Jane Chapman for selling liquor without licence.

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were confirmed, & collectors appointed thereon. viz. for Chapple Street Sewer from Canal to Thomas Street—for Regulating North Street, from Lewis to Willett Street—for paving Chapple street from Thomas to Franklin Street, & John G Betts was appointed collector in each—for well & pump in Essex Street near Delancy Street, & Noah Jarvis, was appointed Collector.

He also presented a communication respecting a request of Mess^rs Richards & Taylor for permission to carry the waste water from their distillery into the Minetto sewer, which was referred to the Canal Committee.

[416] He also made a representation stating that in 1817 a Contract was made with Peter De Baun for regulating & filling in, & with James Meghan for paving Greenwich Street from Hammond Street to Bank Street for which they have been paid, but the work has been so badly done that it must be again repaved, & requesting information at whose expence it must be done, which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also stated that in consequence of the refusal of the Baptist Church, & William L Simers to take the ground in front of Oliver Street, between the old & new line of Oliver street a difficulty arose as to the way in which said Street should be paved, & he requested instructions therein, Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee, with authority to direct.

The Comptroller presented the Accounts of A Sherman Attorney for the Corporation for July & August which were referred to the Committee on public offices.

The City Inspector presented Ordinance for the correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances, viz. which were passed.

N^o 1.	M Beekman,	Owner.		
	P. W. Livingston	Agent	Mercer Street	Lot.
2	P. W Livingston,	Owner	Mercer Street	do
3	J. Mark.	ditto	ditto	do
4	A. L. Stewart	ditto	ditto	do
5.	[417] M^rs Fisher	Owner		
	R Bogardus	Agent,	Essex S^t	do

6	G. Suckley	Owner	Lawrence	St	Lot.
7	Sharp Taylor	Lessee & Occupant	Grand	"	do
8	J. Vincent	do do	Water	"	do
9	A Harrison, Wm Bethel Agent	Owner, R Carey occupant	James	"	do
10	J. M Hartshorn	Lessee & Occupant,	Water	"	Privy.

(signed.) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented the draft of a Law to amend a law to regulate Carts & Cartmen in the City of New York, & a law regulating the fees of the Measurers of Grain, which were read, by paragrap[h]s & passed.

He also presented a Deed to Abraham Valentine for a lot fronting the Washington Market; also a Deed to William Jones for Gore of land in Grand Street, & also certificates of Sales for the following Lots sold on 26th September last for non payment of Assessment, which were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution certificates of the sale of certain houses & lots, for assessments, by the Street Commissioner on the Twenty sixth day of September last, to wit.

Three houses & lots of ground on the Easterly side of Ludlow Street, extending along Ludlow Street One hundred feet, & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to Dennis Linnen, & is situated on the corner of Broome & Ludlow Streets, assessed for regulating & [418] paving Ludlow Street, sold to Bartholomew McGarraghan for four years for $143.86.

Also a Lot of ground on the Easterly side of Essex Street, north of Broome Street, & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to unknown Owners, sold to John C Hamilton for one year for $23.41.

Also a Lot of ground on the Easterly side of Varick street, between Spring Street, & Van Dam street, extending Nineteen feet in front along Varick Street, & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to unknown Owners, sold to Gideon Tucker for Twelve years for $36.33.

Also a Lot of Ground on the North West side of Broome Street, in said City at the corner of Suffolk street, & which was assessed, as belonging to the Heirs of Coles Newcomb, sold to Thomas Scott for Twenty years for $28.81.

Also a house & Lot fronting on the Bowery and extending fifty feet along the same lying & being at the corner of the Bowery & Delancy street & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to

Peter Crawbuck, the said Lot being on the East side of the Bowery, sold to William W Winans for Four years for $162.42.

Also three houses & Lots on the Southerly side of Hammond Street, between Henry & Asylum Street extending Seventy five feet along Hammond Street, & was assessed as belonging to Aaron Henry sold to Joseph D Everingham for Ten years for $125.41.

Also a House & Lot fronting on the Bowery between Broome & Spring Streets, extending in front along the [419] Bowery, seventy five feet, six Inches, & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to Peter Crawbuck, the said Lot being on the West side of the Bowery, sold to Isaac Ammerman for five years for $194.33.

Also a Lot of ground on the Easterly side of Orange street at the corner of Spring Street, extending along Orange street Ninety five *five* feet, six Inches, & which was assessed as aforesaid, as belonging to Robert Conelly sold to B McGarraghan for Twenty years for $122.7

Notice was given at the time of Sale of the last above described lot of ground that it was subject to another assessment for Dollars 35.12 for filling it up.

Also two lots of ground fronting on the East side of Broadway, between fourth & Art streets, extending in front along Broad Way fifty feet, which lots of ground were assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to Pott & McKinnie, sold to William Roe for nineteen years for $184.40.

Also that certain house & Lot fronting on Hammond Street & extending along the said street Twenty feet three Inches, and which was assessed as aforesaid, as belonging to John H Sickels sold to Isaac Ammerman for three years for $49.63.

Also a house & lot fronting on Hammond Street and exten[d]ing along the said street Twenty feet, & which was assessed, as aforesaid, as belonging to John H Sickels, sold to Isaac Ammerman for three years for $40.79.

Also a lot of ground fronting on the west side of Broadway, between Bleeker & Amity streets, extending in front along Broadway Twenty five feet, which said lot was assessed as aforesaid as belonging to Skeffington Selby, sold to B McGarraghan [420] for sixteen years for $98.70.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards.

The Special Committee, consisting of the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, & the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5th & 8th Wards,

to whom was referred the subject of filling up the Basin at the foot of Canal Street reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips, together with the Alderman & Assistant Aldermen of the 5th & 8th Wards, to whom was referred the subject of filling up the Basin at the foot of Canal street. Report.

That the Committee on Wharves, Piers & slips, as far as respects their former Report on this subject, have seen no occasion to alter their opinion: they still think that it would be more for the interest of the Public that the slip alluded to should remain as it is for a time, in order that the revenue derived from the rent might continue & the expence of filling be diminished. They have, however, in consideration of the solicitude evinced by the Inhabitants in the vicinity of said Slip, together with that of the Gentlemen from the 5th & 8th Wards, who are their collagues on this subject, concluded to wave their former objections, & join in a Report favorable to filling up said Slip; only however, on the following conditions.

1st That a temporary sewer be added to the present, by driving three tier of piles, one on each side, & one in the centre, & that the same be covered with plank.

2nd That the Street Commissioner be authorised to enter into [421] contracts for building said sewer, & for filling the slip at the foot of the Canal Street with good & wholesome earth, & also for the necessary bulk head at the mouth of said slip; & that the Contractors be bound to complete the said work, on or before the first day of May next.

3rd That the Comptroller be authorised, under the direction of the Finance Committee, to borrow on the credit of this Corporation, at an Interest not exceeding six per Cent, such sum as may be necessary to defray the expence of the aforesaid work.

4th That the lots to be made by the filling up of said slip, be & they are hereby pledged for the payment of the debt to be incurred as aforesaid.

5th That the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be, & they are hereby authorised, on the said Slip being filled & completed to Sell at public auction, the land thus made, or so much of it as may be necessary; & with the proceeds of said sale to cancel the debt created for completing the aforesaid work.

The estimated cost of the above described work, as near as the Committee have been able to ascertain the amount is $

They beg leave to offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner & Comptroller be instructed to carry into effect such parts of the recommendation, contained in the foregoing report, as appertain to them respectively.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed.) Stephen Allen.
Robert M^cQueen.
Hermanus Tallman.
Charles Town.
Ab^m Valentine.
Rob^t Swartwout.
David Board.
Isaac Emmons.

[422] Which was approved & the Resolutions adopted.

The Special Committee, consisting of the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips & Ferry Committee, on the petition of David Dunham, & the remonstrance of Marinus Willett presented a report which was read, & laid for consideration.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Evans, praying to be relieved from payment of a bill for the use of the Mud machine at Wallnut Street slip, reported as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Evans, praying to be relieved from the payment of a bill for the use of the Mud Machine at Walnut Street slip, Report,

That, Commodore Evans applied to the Chairman of your Committee for the use of the Machine to clear out the Slip at the foot of Walnut Street—That he was informed the Committee did not possess the power (authority) to put the Machine in operation at that Slip, except at his own cost, but that if he thought it ought to be done at the public expence he might apply to the Board for a remission of the Bill, & be governed by their decision. That he agreed to employ the Machine on those terms, & the Captain was accordingly directed to proceed to the said Slip, & work the Machine under the directions of the Commodore.

The Committee have duly considered the circumstances of the case before them, & are of opinion that, inasmuch as there is no

present revenue derived from the Ferry granted to Commodore Evans, & as [423] the leading object in establishing said ferry was the accommodation of the workmen at the United States Navy yard, & not considered as called for by the public, that the expence alluded to ought not to be drawn from the public Treasury. And they offer the following resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen.
Asa Mann.
(Signed.) Robert M^c^Queen.
Harm^s^ Tallman.
Ab^m^ Valentine.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Harsen reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Harsen praying that he may be permitted to sell so much of the property mortgaged to the Corporation as will discharge the debt incurred by filling & regulating said property. Report,

That the property alluded to was mortgaged to the Corporation by the petitioner as security for the expence that would be incurred by them in filling & regulating the same, including the one half of Charleton Street, in front of said property. That the filling is now completed, & the amount expended, & which is to be refunded by the sale of the Lots is about $2600. That the object of the petitioner is to sell so many of the [424] said Lots as will discharge the debt due the Corporation, & to pay the proceeds of such sale into the City Treasury, & by that means save the expence of a foreclosure of the Mortgage.

Your Committee can perceive no objection to granting the request of the petitioner, under proper restrictions, & they accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that Cornelius Harsen, under the direction of the Comptroller, be authorised to sell at public auction the property mortgaged to this Corporation; & on his paying into the Treasury such amount of the proceeds as will liquidate the debt incurred for filling in & regulating the same with Interest, & necessary expences, that the Counsel

be authorised to cancel the Bond & Mortgage executed, by said Harsen as a security for the payment of said debt

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Allen.
Samuel Tooker.
(Signed.) B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Hannah Dixon reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Dixon, praying that the time for paying her assessment for regulating & paving Washington & Dey streets may be extended Report. That they are informed the petitioner is the widow [425] of the late Jonathan Dixon—That she is left with a large family to support. That her Estate is more or less incumbered, & that she is utterly unable to pay the Assessment alluded to. at this time: In consideration of which, the Committee propose the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the period for paying the assessment on the property of Hannah Dixon for regulating & paving Washington & Dey Streets be extended to the first day of May next. & that Interest be charged for the time thus allowed

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee appointed on the 29[th] May last to ascertain on what terms the Fort called Castle Clinton could be obtained for the Public use of the Inhabitants of the City of New York, reported,

The Committee appointed on the 29[th] May last for the purpose of applying to the Secretary of War at Washington to ascertain on what terms the Fort called Castle Clinton, & the ground on which it stands might be obtained for the public use of the Inhabitants of this City. Report,

That they have attempted a discharge of the duty assigned them & have had communications with M[r] Calhoun Secretary of War, both

[426] verbal, & in writing. The following is an extract of a Letter received from that Gentleman 7th August last.

"Your communication of 10th June relative to Castle Clinton has been laid before the President for his consideration & direction & I am directed by him to state in reply, that as far as the Executive power extends, he readily accedes to the wishes of the Corporation of the City.

Under the Act of Congress the Executive is invested with power to dispose of useless military sites, & as the Board of Engineers have reported that the Position will be useless after the erection of the contemplated works at the Narrows, the President may under the provisions of the Act of Congress dispose of the same: but it is believed the desire of the Corporation cannot be effected to their full extent without the sanction of Congress, the right to sell, it is conceived, does not comprehend that of gratuitously ceding; even tho' it was acquired from the State of New York, & the Corporation in that manner. The President proposes (if the Corporation should prefer it to waiting the meeting of Congress) to make a sale to them of the site, the price to be fixed by persons mutually appointed for that purpose, & the payment to be fixed at such a period as to give the Corporation an opportunity to apply to Congress for the remission of the purchase money."

Since that period, some of your Committee have had an interview with the Secretary, while on his late visit to this city, when he still held the same friendly language, and advised us to make application to Congress direct for a gratuitous transfer, & promised us his best services in support of our application, expressing [427] at same time, his belief that our wishes will be fully gratified. The Committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution. Resolved,

That a memorial to Congress be prepared, expressive of the wishes of this Board on the subject of Castle Clinton, & that a Committee be appointed to attend to its presentation, & to its progress in Congress.

(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
Robt Swartwout.
Geo B. Thorp.
Thomas Bolton.
Shivers Parker.

Which report was approved & the resolution adopted.

The President appointed on the Committee proposed by the resolution Aldermen Tooker, Swartwout & Thorp.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Caleb Crane, complaining of the conduct of Benjamin Westervelt, one of the Measurers of lime, and of the inefficiency of the law relative to Inspectors of Lime presented a Report, and recommended the adoption of two resolutions, the first of which was in the words following."

"Resolved that Daniel Fash be removed from his office of Lime Inspector, and that the Clerk of this Board serve a copy of this resolution upon him without delay.

The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative. The further consideration of the Report and of the other resolution proposed [428] was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr Hammond presented the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be requested to examine the statutes on the subject of the ground near Fulton slip heretofore intended to have been taken for a Market and to report to the Board his opinion whether this Board will or not have power to sell the said Lands in fee simple, as soon as the title thereof shall have been obtained in order to reimburse the expence of acquiring the same title by virtue of the Statutes now in force on this subject, and that he be authorised to call to his assistance such other Counsellor at Law, in making up his opinion as he shall think fit.

Which resolution was agreed to.

Alderman Swartwout presented the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to cause a stone flagging to be laid down across Chatham Street from the corner of Frankfort Street to the Park.

[429 and 430 blank]

[431] In Common Council, October 30th 1820.

Present. The Honorable Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Abraham Valentine.
Thomas S Townsend.	Harmanus Tallman.
Leonard Kip.	Benjamin Crane.
John P Anthony.	Charles Town.
Robert Swartwout.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
George B Thorp.	Gerard Depeyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A petition was received from Daniel Cashman, praying relief from a personal tax assessed on him in the 6th Ward, he having been assessed and paid Tax in the 4th Ward.

which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition that Front Street between Oliver Street and Catharine Street may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A petition from the Inhabitants of Desbrosses Street, complaining that from the lowness of Watts Street they are incommoded by the water [432] from that Street, and praying that it be raised between Varick Street & Sullivan Street, was referred to the Street Comittee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A petition of David B Kane for remission of fine incurred by not having his Scale beam and Weights regulated, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial from the Field Officers of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery, stating that they are informed it is in contemplation to continue White Street, which will cut off a part of the Arsenal yard, and will render it useless as a place of Military parade; & as there is no place yet provided for a Military parade ground they pray the Arsenal yard may be permitted to remain in its present State, until other parade ground is provided.

Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A further communication from John Leveridge Esquire respecting placing Stoves in the Court room of the Justices Court of the 7th & 10th Ward, was read & referred to the Committee on that subject viz the Committee of Repairs.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against digging a Well in Henry Street as contemplated, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward & Street Commissioner.

[433] A petition of Judah Hammond Proprietor of Lots in Orange Street, stating the inconvenience arising to himself & neighbors from the present construction of the gutter in said street, and praying that the gutter in Orange Street may be continued down the East side of said street across Bayard Street at the Westerly end, and that the gutter now across the carriage way of Orange Street be filled up, & the arch of said street restored, was received and being read was referred to the Street Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of Wright Carpenter was received stating that he is

Lessee of Lot N° 73 Chatham Street, that the house thereon has been lately damaged by fire, that on account of the shortness of the Lease, it would not be prudent to erect on the Lot the buildings he contemplates, the Lease expiring in 4 years from May next, and praying an extension of his lease, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the Inhabitants residing on the second Avenue praying the same may be paved, was read & referred to the Street Committee, with authority to grant the request of petitioners.

A petition from Otto Van Tuyl Barberie, praying to be appointed to some Office under the Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition from Joshua Jones & Son for permission to store hemp at N° 103 Front street accompanied by a certificate from Henry Rankin Fire Warden that it might be safely stored there, was [434] read, and request of petitioners granted.

A Communication was received from Edward McLaughlin stating difficulties he had experienced from sundry Tavern keepers who had refused to take out licence from him, and upon which suits had been commenced by him, and verdicts found for the Defendants, which being read, was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition from Joseph Hatsel for relief from a fine incurred by firing a gun in the road was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition from Samuel Nosworthy for permission to construct a cistern of brick in the street front of N° 1 Banker Street was referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant on the usual terms.

A petition from Hugh Fairley requesting to be informed as to the right of the Corporation to receive Wharfage for Docks at the end of streets, was read and leave given to the petitioner to withdraw his petition

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich praying to be permitted to make use of the upper room of the Watch house, corner of Hudson & Christopher Streets, to assemble in for religious worship, until an Episcopal Church, which they are about building, can be erected, was read & referred to the Finance [435] Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A petition of Daniel Fash for reappointment, as a measurer of Lime was read, & leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A further petition from John Anderson for compensation for wharves built at foot of Vesey Street, was presented and referred to

a special Committee consisting of Alderman Board, Messrs Brittain, Emmons, Depeyster & Tooker.

A petition of Daniel Magee praying payment of an Account of $23.5\%_{100}$ which he had paid for labor of digging graves at Potter's field which he could not himself perform, was read, & Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant therefor at the next meeting of the Board.

A petition that the side walks of Crosby Street may be paved from Spring Street to Broome Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to cause the same to be done.

A petition from Samuel Ackerly and others, praying that Higgins & Parks Contractors for digging out Lombardy Street, may be compelled to perform their Contract was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Alexander McClure praying remission of fine for not having his weights regulated, was referred to the Committee [436] on Public Offices with authority to remit the penalty.

A memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the fence of Doctor Mitchell's church corner of Duane & Augustus Streets as encroaching on the Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Turk City Weigher, praying that on account of indisposition his brother James Turk may be deputed to do the duties of said Office for him until his restoration to health, was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A petition of Henry Shop holding stall No 35 Fly market, and George McEwen holding stall No 32 in same Market, praying permission to exchange stalls with each other, was referred to the Market Committee.

An account of Garrit Sickels keeper of the Bridewell or City Prison, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Fire Wardens & firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Warden of 4th Ward.

William Agnew, Tobacconist No 131 Cherry Street 4th Ward vice Dennis H. Doyle Resigned in consequence of his time of service being expired by law.

Fire Engine Company No 7.

[437] Taylor St John, Last maker, No 13th Jacob Street 4th Ward vice Robert Dean, Resigned Novemr 9th Reelected July 10th 1820.

N° 9.

Thomas W. Slover, Grocer N° 5 South Street 1st Ward vice William L. Hardie Resigned.

Phineas B. Carman, Commission Merch^t N° 15 Bridge S^t 1st Ward vice Henry Van Nest, Resigned.

N° 11

Edward N Tailer, Accountant N° 14 Gold Street. 2nd Ward. vice William Tallman Junior Resigned.

John O Walsh, Clerk, N° 26 William Street. 1st Ward vice Joseph Pettit Resigned.

N° 23.

Alexander Hannan, Grocer, N° 102. Anthony Street 6th Ward vice John Eagle, Resigned.

N° 24.

Israel Suydam, Cabinet Maker, Cliff street. 2nd Ward vice, Isaac Fairchild Resigned

N° 36.

Jonathan Fox, Blacksmith, N° 62½ Sullivan S^t 8th Ward vice Isaac J Riker, Enlisted in the United States service.

[438] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz.

N° 1.	Thomas Egenton,	Lessee	Cross & Duane Streets		a Lot.
2.	J. F Delaplaine,	Agent	Columbia	do	" do
3.	R Burrows,	Lessee & Occupant,	Chapel	do	" do
4.	Archibald Dunlap,	Owner	Broome Street,		" do
5.	Joseph Parker	ditto	Grand, do		" do
6.	Samuel Cowdry,	Agent	Goerck, do		" do
7.	Ditto	Owner,	do "		" do
8.	William Edgar	ditto	Delancy, "		" do
9.	Thomas Farmer	ditto	Wooster "		" do
10.	F Harrison Patrick Rourk	Lessee, Occup^t	Duane,		privy
11.	W^m Scott & J Blank.	Owner Occupant,	N° 147 Pump Street,		a privy.
12.	William & G Post L. Toms,	Owners, Occup^t	N° 75 James S^t		do
13.	J. Sacket W^m Verity	Lessee, Occup^t	Cherry	do	do
14.	F Child A Crygier	Owner, Occup^t	35 Walker	do	do

George Cumming C^y Insp^r

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & pump in Vestry Street near Hudson Street which was passed, & Abraham Baudouine, John Brown[er] & John Bedient were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following communication.

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that certain [439] property belonging to Hyder Somerindyke, situate at Bloomingdale was sold on 3rd November 1818 for the Assessment for opening the 10th Avenue to John M Irving, subject to the tax of 1817, amounting to the sum $131.42, the amount for tax was $3.25 and was paid to Mr Gilbert.

On 13th June last the property was redeemed by the mutual Insurance Company, who also paid all back taxes that appeared on the books, including the $3.25 paid by Mr Irving, but which had not been credited by Mr Gilbert. The Insurance Co of course refuse to repay Mr Irving.

It being but just that Mr Irving should have his money returned with Interest, the Street Commissioner would recommend that a Warrant be passed in favor of John M Irving for $3.25 with the Interest thereon from 3d November 1818.

Which is respectfully submitted
John McComb, Street Commr

Which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported.

The Committee of Repairs presented the following.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the subject of fitting up the room lately occupied by the Chancellor for the reception of the Records.

Respectfully report

That they have had the same under consideration, and on examination found the floor settled about four and a half inches, and that the cause of the same may be examined into they propose the following resolution.

[440] Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council give notice to the Justices of the Marine Court, who occupy the room immediately below. of the necessity of their removal that the cause of the settling of the floor may be examined into.

Respectfully Submitted
Geo B Thorp.
(Signed.) B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Albert Fisher for Stall N° 63 Fly Market reported.

The Market Committee to whom the petition of Albert Fisher was referred, praying to be licenced for stall N° 63 Fly Market, one of the stands that was formerly sold by the Corporation which said stall he has purchased from William Everett.

Beg leave to offer the following resolution,

Resolved that the prayer of the Peti[ti]oner be granted.

Hermanus Tallman.
(Signed.) Charles Town.
Sam[l] Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The same Committee on the petition of Mead Darrow for a stall in Fly Market reported.

The Market Committee to whom the petition of Mead Darrow was [441] referred praying for Stall N° 12 Fly Market beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm[s] Tallman.
(Signed.) Ch[s] Town.
Sam[l] Tooker.
Stephen Allen.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James W. Lent and others—reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of James W Lent and others, who were assessed for building the Bulkhead, extending the public sewer, and cleansing the same at the lower end of Broad Street, praying that a new assessment may be ordered, on the ground that the present one was unjustly and unequally laid, as but a small number of those who are equally benefitted, are included in said Assessment.

Report,

That on examination of the case, your Committee are of opinion that the objections raised by the petitioners are reasonable and just, and they are induced to believe that the Assessors would, if they had been in possession of all the facts since disclosed, have made their Assessment somewhat different from that which was confirmed by the Board on the 18[th] September last.

But inasmuch as the assessment has been confirmed, and some part thereof already collected, they are decidedly of opinion that the Corporation do not possess the power of annulling it. In this they are confirmed [442] by the written opinion of the Counsel, annexed to a Report made to the Board by the Committee of Assessments in the case of Colonel Fish on the 26th July 1819. which was accepted and ordered to *to* be filed—of which the following is an extract.

" I have examined the law relative to the case you stated to me, to wit, " Whether the Corporation possess the power of annulling an Ass[ess]ment for regulating a Street after it has been confirmed by the Common Council, and the sums assessed partly collected." and am of opinion, that they do not posses the power.

The whole of the power which they possess upon this subject is derived from the 175 Section of the Act relative to New York.

By this it is provided that it shall be lawful for the Corporation to order and direct that the Streets shall be regulated and to appoint Assessors to assess the benefit upon the neighboring property, and that they after having made such estimate and assessment shall certify the same in writing to the Common Council and being ratified by them shall be binding and conclusive, upon the Owners of the Lots assessed, and shall be a lien or charge on such Lots.

The Act, therefore, so far from investing the Corporation with any power to set the Assessment aside after they have confirmed it, declares expressly that the Assessment shall then be conclusive.

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards

The Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted & respectfully submit the following resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the [443] petitioners cannot be granted.

Chs Town. Chn
(Signed) Robt Swartwout.
John P Anthony.
Thos S Townsend.

The Committee of arrangement on the petition of John M. Lester reported,

The Committee of arrangement to whom was referred the within petition of John M Lester praying a further compensation for services *for services* as peace officers on the Fourth day of July last, respectfully report that the compensation allowed Mr Lester for himself and the other officers who attended with him on that day is the same as

has been paid by this Board for five years last past for like services: The Committee are, therefore, of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. They, therefore, respectfully recommend the following resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Geo B Thorp.
(Signed.) J. Hammond.
Gerard De Peyster
Robt Swartwout.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[444] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Noah Brown and others praying that Goerck Street may be opened reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Noah Brown representing the injury which he sustains by reason of Goerck Street being fenced in from North to Stanton Street, and requesting to have the same thrown open for his relief, report,

That they have examined by personal inspection, the grievance complained of—That there are two important ship yards thro the center of which Goerck Street runs from Stanton to North Street—That if the Street is now thrown open, it will be a serious inconvenience, if not injury to the proprietors, who are also the sole Owners of the property on both sides of Goerck Street, between Stanton and North Street; neither of whom joins in this request to open the Street—That there is but one house in Goerck Street above Stanton St and that stands on the corner of said street and North Street, the approach to which as well as to the respective Ship yards is thro Lewis Street;

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion expressed in the resolution below.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient at present to *to* open Goerck street from Stanton to North street.

Robt Swartwout.
(Signed.) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[445] The same Committee on the petition for regulating Jone's Street reported,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Vreedenburgh and others, owners of property on Jones' Street, Greenwich, praying that the said Street may be regulated at the expence

of the owners of property fronting on the Street, and soliciting the surplus ground in the Street to defray the expence of regulating the same. Report,

That they have had the subject matter of the said petition under consideration, but without discovering the propriety of deviating in this case from the usual mode heretofore adopted in regulating the Streets of the City; and that as Jones' Street is not a ceded Street, it is inexpedient, at present, to regulate the same.

Therefore, Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Robt Swartwout. chn
Asa Mann.
(Signed.) Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of Messrs Richards & Taylor, requesting permission to run a drain from their Distillery into the Minetto sewer, presented a report granting the privelege solicited, on the petitioners paying a yearly sum for the privelege; Whereupon the report was referred back to the same Commit- [446] tee, with a request that they would consider and report a general Tariff for granting similar priveleges.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company reported,

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of the York and Jersey Steam boat Ferry Company, Report, that the said Company received from the Corporation a lease of the Ferry from Cortlandt Street basin to the City of Jersey. dated 16th April 1811 for 18 years from 1st day of May 1812. and that by the terms of the lease, they are required to keep upon the said Ferry two steam ferry boats, in addition to sail and row boats. Their present request is that they may be allowed to substitute a horse-boat in place of one of the Steam ferry boats.

This request your Committee think it adviseable to grant, for the reasons suggested in the petition. They believe that the public accommodation will not only not be injured, but will be considerably benefitted, by the proposed change, since it will clearly diminish the frequent necessity of repairs, and since when accident renders it necessary, a horse boat is capable of much more prompt and easy repair than a Steam Boat.

For these reasons, and in consideration of the reduction of *of* expense which the Company will be enabled to make, your Committee are of opinion that the request of the petitioners should be granted, with the proviso, however, that the boat intended to be substituted shall be of suitable size, construction and management.

Your Committee propose the following resolution,

[447] Resolved, that the York and Jersey Steam boat ferry company be allowed to put on the Ferry from Cortlandt Street basin to the City of Jersey, in the place of one of their present Steam Boats, a Horse-boat not less than 70 feet on deck and 45 feet beam, and which shall be propelled by a sufficient number of good horses.

Respectfully Submitted.

Thos S. Townsend.
(Signed.) John P. Anthony.
Asa Mann.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred to prepare a Memorial to Congress on the subject of Castle Clinton at the Battery presented the draft of a Memorial which was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The Report of the Special Committee on the measurers of Lime, which was at the last meeting laid for consideration, was called up, and the further consideration postponed till the first monday in February next.

Alderman Allen presented a Law to regulate the appointment of Officers, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The following resolution was presented by Alderman Allen and adopted.

The Finance Committee beg leave to bring before [448] the Board the subject of the debt due the Corporation by the United States Government.

It will be recollected that application was made, during the last Session of Congress to the Secretary of War for the liquidation of this claim, the justice of which was acknowledged, both by the Secretary of War, and the President of the United States, and a promise made, that so soon as the necessary vouchers were produced, and appropriations obtained the amount should be paid.

Your Committee conceive it to be necessary, in order that a speedy settlement may be had, to send an authorised agent to Washington with such vouchers and explanations as the case may require; and they,

therefore request of the Board the necessary powers by proposing the following resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on Finance be authorised to appoint a person to repair to the seat of the General Government with such Vouchers and explanations, as may be deemed necessary to obtain a liquidation of the debt due the Corporation by the United States.

Provided, that the expence of such mission shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(Signed.) J Hammond
B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.

[449] Alderman Allen also presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Committee on Laws, be instructed to examine and report to this Board, whether by charter right or Statute the Corporation possess the authority to levy and collect a tax or duty on merchandize sold on Commission in this City, being the property of non-residents, or on the persons selling such merchandize; and if such authority is vested in the Corporation whether it is expedient to levy such tax or duty.

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[452] In Common Council. November 13[th] 1820.

Present. His Honor Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A Jay Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tall[m]an.
John P Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swartwout.	Charles Town.
Robert M[c]Queen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
George B. Thorp.	Gerard DePeyster
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A petition of George Janeway owner of sundry lots in the 6[th] Ward complaining of encroachments on his lands by Lessees of Lots

fronting on Pearl Street, and claiming relief was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from David Marsh & M Wall for relief from penalty under law regulating Weights and Measures, was read and [453] referred to the Committee on public Lands & places.

A petition of John Bailey, on the subject of his contract for regulating North Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

A petition was received from Oliver Bridge praying for some appointment under the Common Council, which was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition of Samuel Martin and others residing near 1st Street, praying the attention of the Board to the situation of said Street, between the Bowery and first Avenue, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of sundry Master builders complaining of the Law regulating the building of stoops, and praying amendment of *of* the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition was received from the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church in Market street, praying that the line of Curb stone in Henry Street may remain as now regulated, which was referred to the Street Committee with power.

A petition of John C. Gale for remission of penalty for building cistern contrary to Law, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

[454] A petition from Joseph Moore for relief from penalty incurred under Law regulating weights and measures, was read and referred to Committee on public Offices.

A petition from sundry persons residing in the Neighbourhood of Cherry Street, complaining of the Distillery of Mr Thompson in said St; was referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition of Michael Bryans for relief from penalty incurred under Law regulating Taverns &c was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition was received from Alexander Frazer for remission of fine incurred under the law regulating weights and Measures, whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition from John Townsend and John Glashan for permission to exchange stalls in the Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from R M & J Russell for permission to use part of

the side walk in front of their store for the delivery of Flax seed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

A petition of Isaac C Loper for appointment [455] of Clerk of the Fly Market was received, Whereupon, resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of Cornelia Street against widening said Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition for a well and pump in Walker Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A petition from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Arden and Bedford Streets, praying that Arden Street may be regulated from Bedford to Herring Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee with power.

A petition of Richard Varick to build a Vault in Dey Street, and of Samuel F Mott to erect vaults at N° 22 and 24 Rose Street, were read and granted on the usual terms.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances viz.

N° 1.	John C Shaw	Owner	Herring & Downing Sts	a Lot
2.	Thos Farmer	do	Wooster do	do
3.	Js McBride	owner		
	& T W Merriman	occt	Chapel do	do
4.	Harman LeRoy	Owner	St John's Lane	do
5.	[456] B Douglass	Agent		
	D. Sullivan	Occupant	Water St	a Lot
6.	Thomas Egeton	Lessee		
	J Thomas	Occupant	Jefferson "	a privy
7.	Richard McGary	Lessee & Occupant	do	do
8.	J Graff	Owner		
	J Hutton & T Jeremiah	Occupants	N° 219 Forsyth street	a Lot

(Signed.) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Comptroller presented the following Report of account of Cash received for commutation of Alien Passengers. viz.

The Comptroller respectfully reports that the Amount paid into the Treasury for commutation of Alien Passengers from the 1st of August last to the 1st Inst is $385.

Also an account of the Treasurer of the Board of Health Amount of Cash received and paid out of the Treasury. G N B Compr

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has received from the Treasurer, an account of Cash received ino the Treasury and paid out by Warrants from 1st May last to the 1st Inst

He has compared said account with the Books in his Office and finds it correct.

The account of the Commissioners of the sinking fund for six months to the 1st Inst is also accurate.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

And also a Balance Sheet to 1st Inst inclusive, which were ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the Account of Stephen Allen Esqr Treasurer of the Board of [457] Health.

Agreeably to Vouchers produced, there has been expended from July 14th to November 2nd 1820, the sum of.....	$1272.84
The Treasurer has received by Warrant.....	1000.
Leaving a balance due to him.....	$272.84

for which sum a Warrant is reported this day.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) G. N. Bleecker Comptroller.

The Counsel informed the Board that the Commissioners of estimate and Assessment in the case of Grand, Hester, Mercer, Green, Woster and Thompson Streets had made their report and recommended a Collector to be appointed to collect the same; Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed.

He also presented a Deed to Robert Dodge for Lot fronting on Oliver Street, which was ordered to be duly executed.

He also presented a report, accompanying certain certificates for sale of property for non-payment of Assessments, with leases for the same, which was approved and the leases directed to be executed.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution the following certificates of the sale of certain property for non payment of Assessments on the 26th September last by the Street Commissioner, to wit.

To Isaac Ammerman of a House and Lot of Land fronting on Hammond Street and extending along the said Street 21 feet three Inches, assessed as belonging to John H Sickels.

This Lot was assessed for paving Hammond Street, and was sold for three years for $42.29.

[458] The President, Directors and Company of the Bank of New York of certain lots of ground situated on the South side of fourth street at the corner of Broad Way extending two hundred and Sixty seven feet along fourth street. These lots were assessed for regulating and paving Broad Way and fourth street, as belonging to B McKinnie, and were sold for fifty years for $829.85.

To the said President, directors and Company of the Bank of New York of certain lots of land on the north side of forth street at the corner of Broad Way extending Two hundred and Seventy seven feet in length along Broad Way, and which was assessed for regulating and paving Broad way and forth street as belonging to B. McKinnie. These Lots were sold for fifty years for $941.52.

To Joseph Dean and William Osborn of a certain lot of ground fronting on Grand Street, and bounded south easterly by land belonging to the heirs of Robert Charles Johnston, North easterly by land now or late in the possession of J. C Kingsland, and North westerly by Crosby street assessed as belonging to
And sold seventeen years for $293.74 assessed for regulating and improving Grand Street.

To W F Lawrence of a certain lot of ground, on the North easterly side of Grand Street, South easterly by Fayettee Street, North easterly by land belonging to unknown owners, and Northwesterly by land belonging to J. Fink. This lot was sold for thirty years for $243.62, assessed for enlarging & improving Grand Street.

[459] To William J Waldron of a certain house and lot of ground situated on the southerly side of Duane street between Church & Chapel streets, and *was* assessed for opening Canal street, as belonging to Phebe Lent, and sold for two years for $35.34

To Isaac Ammerman of a certain house and lot of ground, fronting on Hammond street, and extending along said street 29 feet 7 Inches, assessed for paving Hammond Street as belonging to Aaron Henry, and sold for nine years for $

To William W Winans of a certain house and lot of ground fronting on Oliver street, and bounded Northerly by land belonging to Joseph Lopez Dias, westerly by land belonging to unknown owners, and southerly by land belonging to John Wilson, assessed for enlarging and improving Oliver Street, as belonging to and sold for five years for $289.97.

The Counsel also submits the following leases of property, sold for non payment of Assessments on the 3rd day of November 1818 by the Street Commissioner, and which have not been redeemed, towit

To George Farclo assignee of Benjamin Ferris, of two certain lots of ground, One fronting on Chapel Street, and bounded by the other lot, by land belonging to John Johnston, and by land belonging to Staats Bogert, the other lot fronts on Leonard Street and is bounded by land belonging to John Johnson, by the last described land, and by Chapple street, the said premises are sold subject to the tax of the present year, the United States tax if any, and also to other taxes in arrear, amounting to $67.43, for enlarging and improving Chapel Street leased for two years.

To Jarvis Lockwood for a certain Lot of ground said to [460] belong to the Estate Ready, known as Lot N° 612 of Bayard's farm in Orange Street. The said premises are sold subject to the tax for the present year, And the United States tax if any, and also to other taxes in arrear amounting to $23.50. for paving Orange Street and opening Canal Street and for a well and pump, leased for two years.

To William Paulding Jun^r of a lot of land known as Lot N° 499 of Bayards East Farm on Orange S^t

The said premises are sold subject to the payment of all taxes in arrear leased for one year.

To John R Livingston of a certain lot of ground known as lot N° 54 on Orange Street supposed to be owned by the said John R Livingston. The said premises are held subject to the Tax of the present year, and the United States tax if any, and also to other Taxes in arrear amounting to $20.26

To Thomas Mooney of a certain Lot of ground said to belong to the Estate of Ready, being known as Lot N° 466 Bayard's Farm on Orange Street. The said premises are sold subject to the tax for the present year, to the United States tax if any, And also to all other taxes in arrear Amounting to twenty one dollars and Seventeen cents; leased for 8 years.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards.

The Attorney presented reports of complaints made against certain persons for violation of the Laws of the Corporation, which were referred to the Committee on public offices.

[461] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances. viz. For altering intersection of Orange and Bayard Streets and for paving 2^nd Avenue, which were passed and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and John Bedient were appointed Assessors in each.

Also for regulating Watts Street from Varick to Sullivan Street, and for extending the sewer in Roosevelt Street which were passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Baudowine & John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former, and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Baudowine and Alexander Clark in the latter.

He further presented a return of delinquents on sundry Assessments; Whereupon he was ordered to advertise and sell the property agreeably to Law.

The following persons were appointed Fire men—the Chief Engineer certifying the va[ca]ncies.

Fire Supply Engine Company N° 1.

Elijah Valentine, Grocer, N° 29 Mulberry Street 6th Ward. vice Jacob P Roome. Resigned, time of service expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 3.

Edward Meeks Junior Merchant, Broad Street 1st Ward. vice. Abraham Quick, Resigned, served his time out.

Henry Boyd, Merchant, N° 12 Stone Street 1st Ward vice William Ross. Resigned.

N° 7.

James R Mount clerk N° 51 Ferry Street. 2nd Ward. vice David G Mulford. Expelled for improper conduct & neglect of duty.

[462] Fire Engine Company N° 8.

James G Ely, Merchant, N° 143 Chatham St 4th Ward. vice. William Hawley. Resigned.

N° 13.

John Tait, Saddler, N° 164 Water Street. 2nd Ward. vice. Benjamin Vreeland Left the City.

N° 17.

Robert H Stanton, Grocer N° 107 Cherry Street 4th Ward vice. Alexander Hannan. Resigned October 13th

N° 25.

Isaac Harris, Morocco dresser N° 26 Ferry Street 4th Ward. vice. Frederick D Bleeker. Removed to the Country.

John E Cammeyer, Morocco dresser, N° 25 Crosby St 8th Ward vice. Joseph L Webb. Removed to the Country.

An account rendered by J. L Bell Sheriff for services rendered by Officers attending Court was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on the petition of Cornelius J Bogert presented the following report and resolution, which were approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius J Bogert and others. Report,

That the petitioners state that they are proprietors of Lots between Peck's Slip and Crane Wharf and fronting on South street and front Street, which Lots were conveyed by the Corporation in 1792 to Ann Byvank.

That the locations made by Ann Byvank, and the other [463] Grantees of the Corporation, were directly in front of their respective properties on the North side of Front street.

That upon the representations of the Street Commissioner, that there was land enough to satisfy all the grants if the Grantees would consent to alter their locations, and if Beekman Street should be continued to the river, the petitioners had removed their locations further west, but that the persons holding land adjoining had refused to follow their example, unless Beekman Street should be extended as above mentioned: by reason of which the petitioners had lost three feet of ground.

That two plans for extending Beekman Street had been before the Corporation, according to one of which the continuation of the Street would be crooked; but according to the other nearly in a straight line with the old part of the Street.

And the petitioners pray that the latter plan may be carried into effect, or that such other relief may be afforded them as the nature of their case may require.

The Committee find that the Corporation had a perfect title to all the land conveyed to the above mentioned Grantees, and that those grantees or those holding under them are now in the actual occupation of more land than is contained in their grants, but that some of them have encroached upon others, so that the lines of several of the lots as now possessed, are not conformable to the grants.

If the petitioners have voluntarily relinquished any land belonging to them, or have lost it by lapse of time and adverse possession, the Corporation are certainly not bound to compensate them for their loss.

The advice of the Street Commissioner that all the Grantees, or those claiming under them should so alter their locations, as that each [464] should have possession of his own quantity could have no compulsory operation, and the complaint of the petitioner, that tho' they have complied with this advice others have not, should be addressed

to the persons who refused compliance, and not to the Common Council, who have no power to compel it.

The Committee cannot perceive that the Corporation by any act of their own, or of their officers have incurred any obligation to prevent or to remedy the incroachments made by the Grantees upon each other.

The extending of Beekman Street, and the manner of doing so, are subject to be acted upon as public convenience, and not as private interest may require.

When it was determined to erect a new Market at Crane Wharf, it became very properly a part of the plan to extend Beekman Street, in order that a convenient Avenue to that Market might be opened.

But it now becomes proper to enquire whether, since the design of erecting a Market has been abandoned, the advantages of extending the Street will ballance the expence.

From an estimate prepared, at the request of the Committee, by the Assistant Street Commissioner, it appears that the expence of extending the Street on the crooked plan will be about $36.000. and on the straight plan $66.000.

That one third of the value of the buildings which will probably be assessed on the Corporation will amount on the crooked plan to $4000, and on the straight plan to $10.000.

The Committee are averse to the crooked plan.

[465] It, indeed, affords an additional opening to the river, but affords no other advantage to the public. It will add nothing to the beauty of the City, and very little to the value of the property, which must bear the burthen of paying for it. If the Street is to be extended they prefer the straight plan, and such, they believe, is also the opinion of most of the proprietors interested in the measure.

But since the abandonment of the Market, the Committee think the measure no longer necessary, and that it is more costly than useful. They, therefore, recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is not expedient to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners.

P. A. Jay.
Rob Swartwout
(Signed.) J. Hammond.
G B Thorp.
Thos Bolton.

The Finance Comittee on the communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of certain Lots sold for taxes and Assessments, presented the following Report and resolutions.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a *a* communication from the Street Commissioner on the subject of certain lots sold for the payment of sundry taxes and assessments Report, that in order that the subject may be properly understood by the Board, it appears necessary to state, that at the solicitation of the Common Council, the Legislature passed an Act on the 26th March 1819, authorising the Corporation to take possession [466] for the benefit of the owner, of any lands sold by them for the payment of taxes or assessments, after the term for which they were sold should have expired; provided, after due notice being given, the said lands should not be claimed by the rightful owner thereof. In pursuance of this law the Street Commissioner advertised, on the second of December 1819. The lots in the annexed Schedule, notifying the owners that the time for which they were sold had expired, and requesting them to appear and take possession of their respective premises.

Several of these lots have been claimed by the persons in possession; but the Committee are not informed whether any sufficient title has been produced. Others have been sold by the persons holding the lease of the Corporation, and others, it is believed are in the possession of the original purchasers at the Corporation Sale. In order that this subject may be duly attended to by the proper officers of the Board, and that the measures necessary to be pursued may be pointed out and enforced, the Committee beg leave to propose the following resolutions.

Resolved, that after the expiration of the term for which any lots of land have been or may be sold for taxes or assessments, the Street Commissioner shall cause public notice to be given to the owners of the same to appear and take possession.

Resolved that upon any person producing a certificate to the Street Commissioner, from the Counsel of the Board, that it satisfactorily appears to him, that such person is the Owner of any such lot, he shall, thereupon, be permitted to take possession of the same.

[467] Resolved, that the Counsel be authorised, if any person claiming, or having possession of any such Lots, shall refuse to surrender, or exhibit a good and sufficient title to the same, to adopt legal measures for the purpose of ejecting such person from the premises.

Resolved, that after the expiration of the term during which the

law requires that such notice shall be published, the Street Commissioner shall report to the Board all the lots which then remain unclaimed.

Resolved, that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Committee of Finance, shall, thereupon, proceed to make such disposition of said lots as is authorised by the Act, and is deemed for the best interest of the owner.

Resolved, that the Comptroller shall keep a regular account of all taxes, assessments and expenditures on such lots, and also all monies received on account of the same.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to inform the persons occupying any of the lots designated in the annexed schedule, that they must forthwith produce to the Counsel their title to the same: otherwise that legal measures will be pursued to eject them from the premises.

Respectfully Submitted.

Stephen Allen.
Samuel Tooker.
(Signed.) J Hammond.
Benj. Crane.
S P Brittain.

Which were approved.

[468] The same Committee on the account of G Sickels, Reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of Garrit Sickels keeper of the City Prison report.

That they have had under consideration the aforesaid accounts. have been unable to ascertain by what authority the charges are made against the Corporation, as there is no Statute within the research of your Committee authorising any fees to be charged by the said officer, and the ordinance of the Common Council on the subject of the City prison and Bridewell, only provides for the appointment of a keeper, the fixing of his salary, and the duties he is bound to perform.

By the Act regulating the fees of the several officers of justice, thee fees of the Sheriffs for persons committed to their custody, are designated, and are in amount the same as those charged to the Corporation by the Keeper of the City Prison: but it does not appear to your Committee that any warrant is given said Keeper for making any such charges; as he is not a fee, but a salary officer: And by the Act concerning Sheriffs, a distinction is made between the duties and priveleges of the Sheriff of New York, and those of the other

Counties; evidently for the purpose of preventing any misunderstanding, as to the custody of those committed for crime, between the Sheriff and the Corporation, under whose controll by a subsequent Act, the City Prison is placed.

By an Act relative to Jails, the Bridewell or City prison, is placed under the charge of the Corporation, with authority to appoint a Keeper; and pursuant to such authority an Ordinance has been passed by the Common Council on that subject.

By an Act relative to the Alms-House, Bridewell, and [469] City Prison, the Penitentiary and Bridewell are placed under the charge of the Corporation, and the same provisions are made to operate on the Keepers of both establishments; if therefore, the Keeper of the City Prison has any authority for the charge of fees, the Keeper of the Penitentiary has it also: but your Committee are of opinion, that neither of these Officers possess this authority, and that the Legislature intended, when they gave the Corporation the controul of these establishments, and authorised them to appoint the Keepers, that they should also fix and determine their compensation.

Your Committee beg leave further to state that, as far as they have been able to ascertain the fact, the commencement of these charges against the Corporation, by the Keeper of the City prison, was on the first day of May 1818. for by a recurrence to the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors for 1819. it appears, that the accounts of Garrit Sickels were referred to a Committee, of whom Alderman King was chairman, who reported to the Common Council, in January 1820. that there was due Garrit Sickels up to the first of November 1819. the sum of 858 Dollars, and a Warrant was ordered to be issued, accordingly: and that a like Committee of the present Board, of whom Alderman Tooker is Chairman, reported that there was due him up to May 1820 the sum of $237.^{75}/_{100}$ for which a warrant was issued, and the Bill now before your Committee amounts to $336 making a total of $1467.^{75}/_{100}$, avaraging nearly six hundred dollars per annum, exclusive of his salary. Your Committee are informed also, that in addition to these sums, the Keeper receives in Cash, on the discharge of some of the prisoners 75 Cents from each of them; but they have not been able to ascertain the amount of his receipts from this source [470] nor whether any other emoluments are derived from his office as Keeper of the City Prison.

Your Committee presume that the Committee of the Supervisors who reported on the former Bills of M^r^ Sickels were governed in their decisions altogether by precedent, as they have quoted no authority for

justifying said charges; and, as in two instances, at least, the Common Council have sanctioned the legality of the Bills presented to them, it is the opinion of your Committee that the Board cannot with propriety refuse the payment of the one now before them; but they are decidedly of opinion, that hereafter no charge of the kind alluded to, ought to be allowed.

The Committee would recommend, however, that the salary of the Keeper of the City Prison be raised to the same amount as that of the Keeper of the Penitentiary, and they, accordingly offer the following resolution. Resolved,

That the Keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell, be allowed an annual salary of $800 payable quarterly, from and after the first Instant, and that hereafter he be allowed no fees for the prisoners put under his charge.

Resolved that the said Keeper shall render to the Comptroller a quarterly report of all money received by him as keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell, whether as fees or other emoluments derived from his said Office, and shall pay the said monies into the City Treasury.

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare an Ordinance conformable to the aforegoing resolutions.

Resolved, that a Warrant pass in favor of the Keeper of [471] the City Prison for Three hundred and thirty six dollars.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Allen,
Samuel Tooker,
(Signed.) J. Hammond
Benj. Crane
S. P. Brittain.

Which were agreed to.

The Report of the Comittee on the subject of Water closets &c invented by Mr Stevens was read and laid on the Table.

The Watch Committee on the petition for establishing a Watchman near Bleecker, Lawrence, Thompson and Sullivan Street, reported,

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Cooper and others praying an additional Watchman in the vicinity of Bleecker, Lawrence, Thompson and Sullivan Streets, have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and for that purpose offer the following resolution. Resolved,

That the Captains of the Watch in the third Watch district cause an additional Watchman to be placed in the vicinity of Bleecker, Lawrence, Thompson and Sullivan Streets.

Abr^{m} Valentine,
David Board.
Signed Asa Mann.
Ch^{s} Town,
Isaac Emmons,

[472] The Committee of Assessments on the petition of Jeremiah Youmans, Reported

That on an examination of the case they find that on one Lot of ground 21 feet by 50 fronting on Chapel Street he has been assessed $104. for building the Sewer in said Street, as he does not complain of being assessed more than others in a similar situation, nor does it appear from an examination of the assessment to be the case, your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and respectfully submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

Ch^{s} Town. Ch^{n}
Signed Tho^{s} S. Townsend.
Tho^{s} Bolton.
Rob^{t} Swartwout,

The same Committee on the petition of William Butler, Reported.

That on an examination of the case, it appears that the representation of the petitioner is correct.

Notwitstanding which, your Committee are of opinion that as the Assesments have been confirmed and partly collected the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted; The law however clearly points out the manner in which he can obtain relief, and he has determined to pursue that course. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner cannot be granted

Ch^{s} Town,
[473] (Signed.) Tho^{s} S Townsend,
Tho^{s} Bolton,
Rob Swartwout.

The same Committee on the petition of James M Tuthill, Reported, That on examination of the case, your Committee are satisfied that the Assesment is just and correct, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The following resoluion is respectfully submitted.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Ch^s Town,
(Signed.) Tho^s S Townsend,
Tho^s Bolton,
Rob^t Swartwout.

The same Committee on the petition of Daniel Cashman, Reported, That on examination of the case, it appears that the prayer of the Petitioner is just and proper, and ought to be granted, for which purpose the following Resolution is respectfully submitted,

Resolved, that the Collector of the 6th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the personal Tax assessed on Daniel Cashman for the year 1820, and return the same in the list of errors, and Insolvencies of said Ward

Ch^s Town,
(Signed.) Tho^s S Townsend,
Tho^s Bolton,
Rob^t Swartwout.

Which were severally read and approved.

[474] The Street Committee on the petitions of Dominick Lynch and others to have White Street opened—of the Inhabitants of Desbrosses Street that Watts Street be raised—of Judah Hammond for altering pavement at the intersection of Bayard and Orange Streets—of Samuel Ackerly and others respecting Higgins and Parks contract for Lombardy Street—presented the following reports and resolutions.

The Street Committee on the petition of Dominick Lynch, reported.

That M^r Lynch is the proprietor of all the property on each side of the contemplated Street, from Collect Street to Orange Street, with the exception of Lots, fronting on Orange Street, upon two of which last mentioned Lots dwelling houses have been recently erected, both of which must be removed if the improvement prevails. These buildings, it is true, are not built of very costly materials, but their removal would very considerably enhance the expence of opening the Street.

Orange Street is not now considered a great thoroughfare, nor is it believed that intersecting it with another street, nearly equidistant from Pump and Bayard Streets, would make it more so; hence the owners of property on that Street could not be much benefited; in-

deed it is evident to your Committee, by inspection, that individual emolument would greatly overb[al]ance the public convenience which this measure would accomplish.

But Mr Lynch having offer'd to convey to the Board, for this purpose, the ground thro his premises, gratis, your Committee think he may be indulged in his views, provided he will, in addition to [475] the gratuitous cession, also consent to bear his proportion of the assessment for opening the Street—They accordingly offer the following resolutions,

Resolved, that this Board will accept from Dominick Lynch, a cession of so much ground through his premises, as may be required for opening and extending White Street from Elm Street to Orange Street.

Resolved, that when such session shall have been made by Mr Lynch and he agrees to accept the conditions embraced in the above report, the Counsel of the Board be authorised and directed to apply to the Supreme Court in the usual manner for the appointment of Commissioners to open and extend White Street from Elm to Orange Street.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
(Signed.) Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain,
S. Parker.

The same Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Desbrosses Street reported, that,

Having viewed the situation of Watts Street, are [of] opinion that it is too late in the season to have it paved, but that the Street ought to be regulated, the curb stone laid, and the side walk gravelled.

Therefore, offer the following in resolution,

Resolved, that Watts Street be regulated from Varick to Sullivan Street, the curb stone to be laid, and the side walks gravelled, and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance [476] to that effect.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
(Signed.) S. P. Brittain.
Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

The same Committee on the petition of Judah Hammond reported, that they have seen the condition of the pavement and are of opinion that the request of the petitioner ought to be granted.

For which purpose they present the following resolution.

Resolved, that the pavement at the intersection of Orange and Bayard Street be taken up, and relaid so as to convey the water as described by the petition, and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance to that effect.

S. P. Brittain.
(Signed.) S. Parker.
Rob[t] Swartwout.
Asa Mann.

The same Committee on the petition of Samuel Ackerly and others reported,

That on the 22[nd] December 1817. a contract was made with Higgins & Parks for regulating said street, but owing to a difficulty in getting a place to receive the earth, they were not able to complete the contract—On the 21[st] of February last the contractors petitioned for an extension of time, which was granted to the first of May last, since which little has been done towards a completion, until lately—they are now engaged at it, and have given assurances that the work shall be finished in a short time.

But in order to ensure attention to the business, they propose the *the* following resolution.

Resolved, that Higgins & Park complete the regulation [477] of Lombardy Street agreeably to their Contract on or before the first day of April next, or in default thereof that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place their Bond in suit.

S. P. Brittain.
(Signed.) S. Parker.
Rob[t] Swartwout.
Asa Mann.

Which were severally read and approved.

The Committee on Public lands and places on the petition of sundry owners of Hackney Carriages for abolishing the public Hack Stands, presented a Report which was not agreed to.

The Police Committee on the petition of Benjamin Watson reported,

That M[r] Watson states in his petition that he has this season performed the whole of the duties required of him by said ordinance

without the assistance hitherto allowed him. That in doing this there has been a great saving to this Corporation. That the amount received by him for dogs register'd this season is $576. and his Commissions out of that sum is $172.80. That he does not think his Commissions are a *a* compensation for his services, and he prays that he may be allowed to retain for his own use the balance of $403.$^{2}/_{100}$ now in his hands.

Your Committee are satisfied that the course pursued by M^{r} Watson in discharging the duties required of him by this ordinance has been judicious. Hitherto the Board have found it necessary to employ Peace officers at a considerable expence to aid and assist the Register in the discharge of his duty, and in some instances the [478] Corporation have found it necessary to apply to the Chief Magistrate to interfere. This season every thing has been done by the Register himself, without assistance and without expence to this board and as your Committee believe in a manner much more satisfactory to the public, and yet without any neglect of duty.

In the estimate for this year laid before this board by the Finance Committee, the probable expence of carrying this ordinance into operation was estimated at $500 and this estimate was made on the expenditure of the preceeding years.

The amount received by M^{r} Watson does not appear to your Committee more than a reasonable compensation for his trouble, and they think the prayer of his petition ought to be granted. They beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that Benjamin Watson the petitioner above mentioned be authorised to retain the balance in his hands, accordingly to the prayer of his said petition.

(Signed.) Geo B Thorp.
Abr^{m} Valentine.
Tho^{s} Bolton.
Stephen Allen.

Which were agreed to.

The same Committee on the subject of swine running at large in the City, presented the following report and resolution.

The Police Committee to whom the subject relative to swine running at large in this City was referred, Report,

That this subject has received their particular attention, and the Committee are induced to believe that no plan can be adopted so efficient, and yet at the same time so free from the objections hitherto raised against the laws passed by this Corporation on this [479] sub-

ject, as that of forfeiting the animals found running at large to the use of the poor of this City.

On consulting the Counsel of this Board the Committee find that the Corporation do not possess the power of passing and enforcing such an Ordinance, and that in order to effect this purpose Legislative assistance must be obtained. Under these circumstances your Committee beg leave to recommend that an application be made by this Board to the Legislature of this State, without unnecessary delay, for power to forfeit all Hogs or swine found running at large in any Street, Alley or Lane in this City. The Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel of this Board be charged with this application.

Geo B Thorp.
(Signed) *Stephen Allen*
[Abr^{m} Valentine]
Thomas Bolton.
Stephen Allen.

Which were approved.

The Police Committee presented a Report and Resolution on the petition of Reuben Clark Captain of the Watch in the 2nd district which were read and approved.

The Police Committee to whom the petition of Reuben Clark Captain of the Night Watch in the second district was referred Report,

That M^{r} Clark states in his petition that he has been sued three times in the Mayor's Court for his official acts as Captain of the Watch, and each time has been acquitted by the Jury; but that he has nevertheless been subjected to expence for witnesses, fees &^{c} over and above the costs taxed to him, amounting to thirty three dollars, forty four cents, [480] which he prays may be refunded him.

Your Committee are satisfied that M^{r} Clarke's statement is true, and his application appears to them to be just and reasonable, and they cheerfully recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant issue in favor of Reuben Clark for thirty three dollars forty four Cents, being the amount of monies expended by him, as stated in his petition,

(Signed.)

George B Thorp.
Abr^{m} Valentine.
Thomas Bolton.
Stephen Allen.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had received a communication on the subject of lighting the City with Gas: whereupon he was requested to refer the same to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

On Motion of Alderman Tooker the report and memorial to Congress on the subject of ceding to the City the Fort called Fort Clinton and the ground was called up, read and the consideration thereof postponed

On Motion of Alderman Allen, the report of the Comittee on Wharves, and Ferry Committee on petition of David Dunham and remonstrance of Marinus Willett, was called up and read.

The Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips, together with the Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition [of] David Dunham, and also the remonstrance of Marinus Willett against said Petition, report

That the object of Mr Dunham is to consolidate the Ferries now running from the foot of Delancy and Grand Streets to Long Island into one establishment, and as a consideration for the great expence he has [481] incurred in continuing said Ferries in operation, he asks an extension of his lease for seven years without rent; and Colonel Willett remonstrates against the removal of the Ferry from Delancy Street, because in his opinion it will injure the property he owns in that vicinity, and because to induce the establishment of said ferry he conveyed to the Corporation a lot of ground for its benefit.

In deciding on this subject it has been the object of your Committee to endeavour to promote the public convenience, and, at the same time, to avoid encroaching on the rights of individuals.

The public interest will be promoted in the opinion of your Committee, by consolidating the ferries alluded to at the foot of Grand Street; inasmuch as the slip at the foot of Delancy street may then be appropriated to the use of Market and Wood boats; an accommodation much wanted, and for which the Board has been more than once petitioned by the Inhabitants of that part of the city: and at the same [time] the convenience in crossing said Ferry will be much increased by both boats, starting from one point instead of two as at present.

The Committees are of opinion also, that by adopting this measure, the property in the vicinity of Delancy street will lose none of its value, as it is presumed a public slip in its neighbourhood will be equally as beneficial as a ferry: but should Colonel Willett think otherwise, they would respectfully recommend, that the Lot conveyed by him to the Corporation should be relinquished by the Board, in order that no

cause of complaint on his part may remain. By this arrangement, then, Mr Dunham will be released from the payment of the rent of one of the Ferries, and the Corporation will be relieved from the heavy expence of providing a public slip for that part [482] of the City, and at the same time the accommodation of the Inhabitants in that vicinity will be better in all respects than at present, and thus the interest of all the parties be promoted.

The following are the terms recommended by your Comittee for the adjustment of this matter with Mr Dunham.

First. That he be permitted to surrender the Lease for the Ferry at the foot of Delancy Street, retaining the right given to him during the term of said lease, to the Wharves and fixtures at Williamsburg.

Second. That the term of his lease for the ferry at the foot of Grand Street be extended to twenty one years from the first day of May next, and that the pay for the first seven years 75 dollars per annum, and for the second seven years 150 dollars per annum, and for the last seven years 250 dollars per annum in the usual quarterly payments.

Third. That the said Ferry shall be from Grand Street to Morril's point, so called, the place where the boat now lands on Long Island; but he be permitted to run one of the boats to Williamsburg, if public convenience, or his own Interest warrant the measure.

Fourth. That the Corporation will not establish any additional ferry, during the term of Mr Dunham's lease, between Grand Street and Twelfth street to the North, and between Grand street and the limits of Walnut street ferry to the West.

Fifth. That he be bound to keep both Team Boats in operation, always have in readiness two row boats to be used in any emergency.

Sixth. That the Slip at the foot of Delancy street be delivered over by Mr Dunham to the Lessee of Public Wharves and Slips, and [483] that it be appropriated to the use of Wood and Market boats.

The Committee beg leave to propose the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Counsel be instructed to prepare a lease to David Dunham in conformity with the recommendations contained in the foregoing report; said lease to be in lieu of the Leases now held by said Dunham for the ferries at the foot of Delancy and Grand streets.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to direct a quit claim to be prepared in favor of Colonel Willet for the lot of ground con-

veyed by him to the Corporation at the foot of Delancy street, provided he shall require such re-conveyance.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M^cQueen,
Herm^s Tallman,
Ab^m Valentine.

(Signed)

Stephen Allen
Asa Mann.
Tho^s S Townsend,

And the Report and resolutions agreed to.

The following resolution to have Well in Grand Street filled up was read and agreed to.

Whereas, the water of the Well in Grand street between Corlears and Walnut street is bad and unfit for use, and the Inhabitants in the vicinity are desirous of having it removed,

Therefore, Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be instructed to cause said well to be filled up.

A resolution to repeal the 6^th^ section of the Act relative to the Alms House and Bridewell was read in the words following,

Resolved, That application be made to the Hon^r the Legisla- [484] ture to request the repeal of the 6^th^ Section of the Act entitled an Act relative to the Alms House and Bridewell and City Prison in the City of New York, passed April 5^th^ 1814.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board take proper measures to have the foregoing resolution carried into effect.

Which was agreed to.

The Counsel having presented to the Board certain laws and ordinances, revised by him in pursuance of an order of the Board a certain portion of the same was read, amended, the law respecting the Office of City Inspector directed to be printed, and the consideration of the remainder postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Alderman Board that a Committee of *of* arrangements be appointed for the celebration of the evacuation of this City by the British—The following Gentlemen were appointed the said Committee. viz. Alderman Board, M^r Emmons. M^r Brittain, Ald^n M^cQueen.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

November 27, 1820 to May 14, 1821

[1] In Common Council. November 27th 1820.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor President.
Peter A Jay Esq[r] Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
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———	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swarwout.	Charles Town.
Robert McQueen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
George B. Thorp.	Gerard De Peyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Calendar of Prisoners confined in the City Prison, made by the Keeper of said Prison, pursuant to an Ordinance of the Common Council of 25th May 1818. which was ordered to be filed.

A petition was received from Griffith Davis for remission of penalty [2] incurred under the Hack law, which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A recommendation in favor of Mrs Wiggins for remission of fine incurred for selling liquors contrary to law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial from John Hardenbrook, complaining of the water running from the roof and yard of house No 112 Bowery into his cellar, was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A petition from Peter Ogilvie and others praying that they may be allowed to dig out and regulate such parts of Harman Street as severally appertain to them, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Henry Bool for permission to erect an iron railing in front of his house in Henry Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Adam Bergh, praying time for one year to pay Assesment on his House and Lot No 131 Harman Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Presbiterian Church in Rutgers' S[t] on the subject of the Assessment for improving Harman Street, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[3] A petition of Ralph Jacobs, for releif from penalty incurred under the law regulating the importation of Alien Passengers, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Joshua Dyett, for relief from personal Tax assessed on him, was read and referred to the Committee on Assesments.

A petition of William Fitch, for appointment to the office of City Weigher, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

An account of J Vanderpool and A Warner, for stove pipe and window glass furnish'd District Court, was presented by Thomas Fessenden, Assistant Justice of 1[st], 2[nd] and 3[rd] Wards, and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A petition of J. J. Astor and others, owners of property on Harman Street, between Grand and Montgomery Street, objecting to the regulation of said Street, was referred to the Street Comittee with power.

A petition of Elbert Anderson on the subject of Lands advertised to be sold for non payment of Taxes on Broome Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assesments.

A petition of George Lorillard and others, praying that the sewer in Thompson Street may be made and the Street regulated, was referred to the Canal Committee.

[4] A petition from sundry Inhabitants of Herring, Burrows, and Commerce Streets, praying that the regulations adopted for Bedford and Cornelia Streets, and the contemplated regulations of Jones and Arden Streets may be extended to Henry, Burrows and Commerce Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee with power.

A petition of Thomas Allen, stating that he had overpaid for building his Vault in Duane Street $11.70 and praying reimbursment for the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of J. C. Gale, for permission to build a cistern in front of his house N° 154 Water Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of John Heath to build a Vault in Cedar Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Nicholas P Isaacs for leave to occupy his old Stand in the Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

The petition of Isaac C Loper. presented at the last meeting for appointment of Clerk to the Fly Market, was again brought forward and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of James Sergeant for appointment of Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips,

[5] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances. viz.

Nº 1.	Christian Klinck,	Owner & occupant,	Spring Street,	a Lot
2.	Henry Banta,	Ditto	Christie "	ditto
3.	A Clason,	Agent	Columbia "	ditto

(signed) George Cumming Cy Inspt

The Attorney presented a report of complaints made to him of infringments of certain laws of the Corporation, which were directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication relating to the assessment on the Harlaem Commons which was referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

He also presented an ordinance for a Well and pump in Walker Street, and an ordinance for paving side walks in Harman Street, which were passed, and Abm Baudowine, John Brower and John Bedient were appointed Assessors in the former, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower in the latter.

He also presented an Assesment for paving Collect Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector, and an Assesment for regulating and paving the third Avenue, which was referred to the Committee on Assesments.

The Street Commissioner on the subject of the side walks in Harman Street presented the following communication, viz

[6] The Street Commissioner begs leave to state to the Honl the Common Council the paving the Carriage[way] of Harman Street is nearly completed, but that the street is almost impassible to foot passengers owing to the side walks being in an unregulated state, and altho' the owners and occupants have been duly noticed yet many of them neglect or refuse to regulate and pave their walks.

The undersigned would suggest the propriety of passing an ordinance directing the sidewalks in Harman Street to be regulated and paved.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed.) John McComb St Commr

Which was approved, and he was directed to report an Ordinance as suggested in his communication.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

N° 3

Samuel B. Warner, Sail maker N° 10 Moore S^t^ 1^st^ Ward
vice Peter P Bartine Resigned.

Joseph Swaine, Grocer, N° 146 Washington S^t^ 3^rd^ do
vice Richard Jones Resigned

N° 14

Isaac Gilbert, Clerk, N° 132 Fulton Street 2^nd^ do
vice Samuel S Manning Resigned 30^th^ Nov. 1819.

N° 41

James W Lathrop, Grocer, Corner of Essex & Broome S^ts^ 10^th^ do
vice David B Hoyt Resigned.

Fire Hose Company N° 1.

William H Halstead, dry good Store keeper, N° 450 pearl S^t^ 4^th^ do
vice John J. Holland Resigned.

[7] The Street Committee on the subject of removing the fence in front of D^r^ Mitchell's church presented a report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Canal Committee on the complaint against Thompson's Distillery presented the following report and resolution which were agreed to.

The Canal Committee to whom the annexed petition was referred—stating that the Water from Thompson's distillery flows into their cellars, Report, that they have examined the subject, and are of opinion that there is no way to abate the nuisance complained of, but by conveying the water from the distillery into Cherry Street, which may be done at a small expence to the proprietors, as the wooden drains in James Street and Batavia Street thro' which the distillery water has hitherto run, is very much decayed and choaked up, so as to turn the course of the water into the adjoining cellars. To clear out and rebuild these drains at this season of the year would be attended with great inconvenience & expence as a sewer of durable materials ought to be built in those streets.

They, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution, Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to direct M^r^ Thompson to stop from running the waste water from his Distillery

into the drain in Batavia Street, and to convey said water into Cherry street that it may pass off on the Surface of that street.

Robert Swartwout
(Signed) Gerard DePeyster.
Isaac Emmons.

[8] The Street Committee on the petition for paving first Street, Reported.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Martin and others, praying that first street may be paved, Report, That the scarcity of materials and the lateness of the season render it inexpedient to commence the work this fall, but that the same ought to be done as early in the ensuing Spring as practicable.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner prepare and present an *an* Ordinance for paving first street from the Bowery to the first avenue the work to be completed on or before the first day of June next.

Robt Swartwout,
(signed.) Asa Mann,
S. P Brittain.
Isaac Emmons.

Which was agreed to.

The same Committee on the petition of sundry Master Builders respecting the law regulating the building of stoops—reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed pe[ti]tion from a number of master builders and others, praying an alteration in the law relating to Stoops so as to permit them to extend further into the Street, Report,

That they have given the Subject due consideration, and are fully of opinion that it would be inexpedient to make the alteration proposed by the petitioners. The present projection of stoops, cellar [9] doors and enclosures that are now allowed to be made on the Streets, are more than is consistent with public convenience; and though a quarter projection would accommodate some persons, it would prove a serious injury to many citizens, especially in the trading streets.

Therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

Asa Mann.
(Signed.) Shivers Parker,
Isaac Emmons.

Which was approved.

The same Committee on the communication of the Street Commissioner respecting houses that encroach on the Streets presented the following report and resolutions,

The Street Committee to whom the annexed communication from the Street Commissioner was referred. Report,

That they have personally viewed the situation of these houses and are fully of opinion they ought to be removed.

For which purpose they offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify John R Livingston to remove his house that now encroaches on little Water Street from off the same, on or before the first day of May next.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify Isaac Halsey to remove his buildings back to the line of Broome Street as soon as he shall receive notice to that effect from this Board.

(signed.) Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain.
Isaac Emmons.

[10] Which were agreed to. Second resolution amended, and the Clerk directed to serve a copy of resolution on M^r^ Halsey.

The Finance Committee on the subject of the accounts of James L Bell Sheriff reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred an account rendered by James L Bell, Sheriff of this County, for services rendered by the Constables and Marshalls in attending the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the terms of August, September and October, Report,

That they have examined said account, and compared it with the Vouchers produced, and find the amount to agree, being 1239 dollars 50 Cents.

Your Committee in investigating this subject, have been lead to a careful examination of the several laws of the Legislature relative to these additional expences brought on our Citizens; and altho' the charges made by the District Attorney and the Clerk of the Sessions, are not now subjects before the Committee, they nevertheless beg leave to state that in their opinion, the receipts of these officers are exorbitant, and that the claims of the latter for any sum beyond the amount of the fines and forfeitures received, are not sanctioned by the Law. It appears from the accounts on file, that the amount of the Bill rendered by the District Attorney for one year is 5164 Dollars and 65 Cents, and the amount of that rendered by the Clerk is 5209 Dollars and 76 Cents; and the amount drawn from the Treasury from

May last to November Instant, as charged on the Comptroller's books under the head of Court of General Sessions of the [11] Peace, is 12,041 Dollars and 26 Cents.

This subject is viewed by your Committee as one of great importance to our City, and they hope it will not be lost sight of by the Board, but that measures will be adopted to lay it before the Legislature, and by that means obtain an alteration of the Law more favorable to the finances of the Corporation.

The law under which the present bill of the Constables and Marshalls is claimed, was passed on the 5th of March 1819, and authorises the Sheriff to summon so many Constables and Marshalls as the Court, or the presiding Judge thereof, shall direct: and that they shall be allowed One dollar and fifty cents pr day, instead of the compensation now allowed: to be audited and paid in like manner, as by the existing laws relating to the City and County of New York.

The Committee have been unable to discover any Law authorising the audit and pay of these accounts, except the one passed the 10th day of April 1813, which is only so far repealed as to encrease the compensation of the officers. This law provides that the Sheriff of this City shall pay out of the surplus monies arising from fines and penalties by him collected, to each of the Constables and Marshalls of said City the sum of 75 Cents for each and every day they shall respectively attend any of the Courts of the said City or State to be holden in said City, upon the certificate of the Clerk of such Court that they have duly attended the same.

Although your Committee cannot perceive that the Corporation are bound by the foregoing laws to pay from the City Treasury the bills of these officers, they have nevertheless concluded, under the consideration that no provision is made for their compensation, and the precedent already [12] established by the payment of former similar bills to recommend that a Warrant pass for the amount, and they beg leave to propose the following resolution accordingly.

Resolved, that a Warrant be reported at the next meeting of the Board for Twelve hundred and thirty nine dollars and 50 Cents in favor of James L Bell Esquire for the payment of the annexed bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
(signed) Samuel Tooker.
J. Hammond.
B. Crane.

Report and Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the petition of George Strite and Right Carpenter presented the following.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Strite and Right Carpenter, praying for an extension of the term of their respective leases, Report,

That George Strite holds a Lease for five Lots of Common Land at the annual rent of 150 dollars, the term of which lease will expire on the first day of May 1823.

And Right Carpenter holds a lease for a house and lot fronting on Chatham Street at the rent of 150 dollars per annum, which will expire on the first day of May 1825.

The Committee find on examination, that a large proportion of the leases for common land lots will expire on the first day of May [13] 1823. and as they believe the precedent of renewing the lease of Mr. Strite, would induce numerous similar applications, and would tend to prevent any general arrangement in disposing of this property to advantage, when the leases shall have expired, they have concluded to report unfavorable to the prayer of the petition.

The same objections, in a measure, will apply to the application of Mr Carpenter, as several leases for lots in the City, will expire on the day with his: besides which the Committee consider it an unfavorable period for extending the leases of the public property, particularly, such as have become valuable from their situation in the centre of the City, and when there is no just claim whatever on the Corporation for such indulgence.

They, therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the respective petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed.) Stephen Allen,
Saml Tooker.
J. Hammond.
B. Crane.

Which were approved.

The Finance Committee on the petition of George Janeway presented the following report and resolutions,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of George Janeway Esquire, Report.

That Mr Janeway states, that the rear of several lots fronting on Pearl, late Magazine Street, and leased by the Corporation to sundry [14] persons, is his property, and that he is ready to prove his title,

and proposes that the matter in dispute be adjusted by a refference to arbitrators.

The Committee have learned that this subject has been a matter of difference between Mr Janeway and the Corporation for several years past, owing, as they are lead to believe, to the diversity in the several surveys which have from time to time been made of the property in question; and in their opinion no settlement can be had, satisfactory to the parties, except by Arbitrators, mutually appointed and duly authorised, and whose decisions shall be binding and conclusive on the parties concerned.

The Committee, therefore, propose the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the matter of difference between George Janeway Esquire and this Corporation be referred to Arbitrators, with power to appoint an umpire.

Resolved, that a mutual Bond be executed by the parties, binding them severally under a penalty to abide the decision of the persons appointed as Arbitrators.

Resolved, that Ogden Edwards Esquire be, and he is hereby appointed on the part of this Corporation one of the said Arbitrators, with authority, in conjunction with the person appointed on the part of Mr Janeway to adjust and equitably settle the matter in dispute as aforesaid; and also to arrange and direct such preliminary measures and surveys, as may be deemed necessary to insure a speedy settlement.

Respectfully Submitted,

(signed.) Stephen Allen.
Samuel Tooker.
J. Hammond.
B. Crane.

Which were agreed to.

[15] The Ferry Committee on the petition of Abel Sammis, reported

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of Abel Sammis, praying a lease for *Hurgate* [Hell Gate] ferry, Report, that the petitioner received a Lease from the Corporation on the 1st April 1819. for one year which expired on the 1st April 1820, during which time he ran, on said Ferry, two row boats, and part of the time a Scow, and still continues to run the two row boats, having abandoned the Scow, which has become totally unfit for use.

The petitioner will engage to put on said Ferry a Horse Boat, to be propelled by four horses, on a lease of fifteen years at the average

rent of One hundred and fifty dollars per year; provided the Corporation will be at the expense of erecting convenient piers, on both sides of the Ferry, so as to accommodate a Horse boat—build a new stable on the *on the* Long Island side—build an addition to the stable on the New York side, and repair the buildings belonging to said Ferry, on both sides.

Your Committee having duly considered the business, are of opinion that the expense of erecting the Piers, building the stable, and making the repairs necessary to accommodate a Horse boat, will be so great (probably not less than from three to four thousand dollars) that the Interest on the cost of improvement will exceed the amount of rent offered by the Petitioner.

Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that it is not expedient to grant the petitioner a lease on the terms offered by him for running a Horse boat. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, Resolved.

that a Lease be granted to the petitioner for three years, from the 1st April last at seventy five dollars p^{r} year, to be expended by him on the Wharves and buildings belonging to said Ferry, on both sides [16] of the river, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, provided that he shall, at all times, keep on said Ferry two good row boats, sufficiently manned to carry passengers &^{c} across said Ferry.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a lease, in conformity to the tenor of the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

signed. Tho^{s} S. Townsend.
Asa Mann.

Which was approved.

The Committee on public Offices on the petition of Alexander Frazer, for relief from penalty incurred under law regulating weights and Measures, reported,

The Committee on Public Offices,

To whom was referred the petition of Alexander Frazer, praying to be releived from a suit now pending for a violation of an Ordinance, regulating Weights and Measures, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, inasmuch as M^{r} Fraser has confess'd the violation, and since complied by having his Measures sealed.

Your Committee are of an opinion that the intention of the Board in adopting their Ordinances was not for the purpose of speculating

but on the contrary for the protection of the Citizens; and when a willingness is observed by them to comply, your Committee do believe that a corresponding disposition ought to be manifested, and would therefore offer the following resolution,

[17] Resolved, that the Attorney of the Board be authorised to discontinue the proceedings against Alexander Fraser on payment of costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Crane, Ch^{n}
Gerard De Peyster,
(signed.) Tho^{s} Bolton.
Rob^{t} Swartwout,
Ab^{m} Valentine.

Which was approved.

The Committee on public Offices, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Moore, Grocer, Respectfully Report,

That they have investigated the subject, and find that M^{r} Moore did obstruct M^{r} Simpson while doing his duty as sealer of weights and measures. But, as your Committee believe, the hostility shewn to M^{r} *shewn to M^{r}* Simpson arose from a mistaken idea that there was no other Inspector but the one appointed by the State: as soon however as M^{r} Moore found out his mistake, he immediately went in pursuit of M^{r} Simpson, and soliceted him to return, and inspect his weights and measures, which M^{r} S declined. Your Committee would not wish to be understood that they believe M^{r} Simpson acted improperly in not returning, but on the contrary, when they contrast the Reports made to the Attorney by M^{r} S. with those of his predecessor, all doubts are dispelled as to the want of discretion.

Your Committee believe M^{r} Moore to have violated the Ordinance unintentionally, and would, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the fine incurred by Joseph Moore, in [18] refusing to exhibit his weights and measures be remitted on payment of costs

Respectfully submitted,

B. Crane. Ch^{n}
(signed.) Gerard De Peyster,
Thomas Bolton,
Robert Swartwout.

Which was approved.

The Police Committee on the petition of Richard Shields reported,

The Police Committee to whom the petition of Richard Shields was referred, Report,

That Mr Shields states in his petition that he is a licenced Cartman, and has been unjustly fined for purchasing fire wood without authority, and hawking the same through the City.

Your Committee have heard, and examined the case, and from the general character of the petitioner, as well as from circumstances attending this transaction they are of opinion the petitioner ought to be releived on payment of costs, and they offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant issue in favor of the petitioner Richard Shields for Twenty dollars, being the balance of the penalty paid by him, after the payment of the Costs above mentioned.

Thomas Bolton,
(Signed.) George B Thorp.
Abm Valentine.

Which was approved.

[19] A law entitled "a law to regulate the collection of Assessments" was presented, read by paragraphs, and passed.

Alderman Tooker presented the following resolution, Resolved that the Resident Physician be requested to furnish the Corporation with a Copy of his discourse, delivered on the 6th Instant, relative to the means of improving the medical police of this City for the prevention of diseases.

Which was agreed to.

The following Resolution on the subject of enlarging the Park was presented by Alderman Swartwout.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of enlarging the Park, by adding to it the triangular block, between Beekman and Ann Streets, Chatham Row and Nassau Street; to estimate the value of the buildings thereon, and the probable amount which the improvement would cost. What part of the expense thereof, could with propriety be assessed on property to be benefited thereby, on and contiguous to the square, and the probable amount that would be assessed on this Board, should the improvement be adopted.

Agreed to, and the following were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the object of the resolution. Alderman Swartwout, Mr Recorder, Alderman Tooker, Mr Town, Mr Depeyster.

[20] The following Resolution presented by Alderman Allen was agreed to. Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the

Committee on Finance be authorised to borrow on the credit of this Corporation, a sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars, and at an Interest not exceeding Six per Cent per Annum.

The Board then proceeded to enact the Laws revised by the Counsel, and, after passing and amending a certain portion of them, ordering the law regulating the ringing of Bells in this city to lie over, the consideration of the remainder was postponed, for the present.

Mr Hammond presented the following resolution, on the subject of altering the Charter, as respects the duties of first Judge &c

Resolved, that notice be given in the Newspapers, employed by this Board, as by law in such case is required, that this Board will apply to the *the* Legislature at their next session, so to amend the Charter of this City, and the Statutes relating thereto, that the Mayor of the said City may be relieved from the performance of Judicial duties as first Judge of the several Courts of law in this city, and so as that a first Judge be appointed in and for the Court of Common Pleas in the said City, and that the Recorder may preside in the Court of Sessions therein. Which was carried.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Laws to report, from time to time, to this Board such laws and ordinances of the Common Council, as they may think proper to be published.

[21, 22 and 23 blank.]

[24] Special Meeting. In Common Council. December 4th 1820.

Present. The Honl Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, Pres[id]ent.
Peter A Jay Esquire, Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Abraham Valentine.
Thomas S Townsend.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P Anthony.	Charles Town.
Robert Swartwout.	Shivers Parker.
Robert McQueen.	Stephen P Brittain.
Asa Mann.	Isaac Emmons.
David Board.	Gerard DePeyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had convened them in consequence of the Counsel having submitted the draft of a return to the Certiorari, directed to the Corporation by the Supreme Court, upon the application of Herman LeRoy and others, requiring a return of all the proceedings which have taken place, relating to the Common Sewer thro' Canal Street, & to taking the ground for making

Canal St it being necessary that the return should be signed by the Mayor, and that the Common Seal should be affixed to it,

[25] Whereupon, resolved, that a return in due form be made, by the signature of the Mayor, and annexing the Common seal of the City.

A petition of Catharine Lawson to be appointed Matron of the Alms House in the place of Mrs Drake, deceased, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The following communication was received from William Slosson and the Counsel of the Board, on the subject of the ground near Fulton Slip, heretofore intended to have been taken for a market, and whether the Board have power to sell the (ground intended for the erection of a Market, near Fulton Slip) lands in fee simple when the Title thereto shall have been obtained.

Opinion.

It having been referred to Counsel, by an Order of the Common Council "to examine the Statutes on the subject of the ground near Fulton Slip, heretofore intended to have been taken for a market, and to report to the Board his opinion, whether the Board will or not have power to sell the said lands in fee simple, as soon as the title thereof shall have been obtained, in order to reimburse the expense of acquiring the same title, by virtue of the Statutes now in force on this subject:" We have the honor to submit to the Board our opinion in the premises.

It appears that two successive acts of the Legislature have been passed on this subject, the first on the 29th March 1816. and the second on the 14th March 1817. The preamble to the first act recites that the Corporation were desirous to become possessed of the premises, for the purpose of erecting thereon, an extensive and commodious [26] public Market and with the right of converting and disposing of the said Lands and premises for other public purposes, or otherwise whenever they or their Successors may deem the continuance of the market there unnecessary. This Act then prescribes the mode of assessing the damages to the proprietors by Commissioners, upon the confirmation of whose report, the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, were to become and to be seized in fee simple absolute of the Premises, and might take possession without suit. This Act contains no provision for the Assessment of benefit to the Owners of adjacent property.

The first Act being found inadequate to the purposes contemplated,

a new application was made by the Common Council, upon which the Act of the 14th March 1817 was passed.

The preamble to the Act simply recites, that the convenience of the City requires that the Corporation should become possessed of the premises in fee simple, without specifying any of the purposes to which the property is to be applied. It provides like the former for the Assessment of damages by Commissioners, on the confirmation of whose report the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York shall become and be seized in fee simple absolute of the premises. The eighth section provides, that the Common Council in their discretion, may direct the Commissioners to assess the value of the benefit to the proprietors of other property, by and in consequence of erecting upon the premises a public Market, and of removing Fly Market. The Assessment of damages, it is understood, has been made, but that of benefit has not been directed.

The question arising under those acts is, whether the Corpora- [27] tion by taking the property, without assesing on, and requiring from the proprietors of other property the payment of the benefit, take the same subject to a trust to apply the same to the purposes of a Market, or other public use, or are at liberty to sell the same to reimburse the expence of obtaining the title.

As both of these Acts relate to the same subject, and the last embraces the whole matter of the first and superadds additional provisions, we are of opinion that the first Act is thereby repealed; the rule being, as we take it, that Statutes introductive of a new law penned in the affirmative always repeal former Statutes, as implying a negative, (1 Show. 528.) If the first Act be then laid out of view, we conceive that there is nothing in the preamble of the second Act, which imposes on the Corporation the obligation to appropriate the property when acquired to any particular public uses. And even if the first Act may be resorted to to aid in the construction of the second, it can be of little importance, as the continuance of the Market is made to depend on the pleasure of the Corporation, and it would be idle to attempt to enforce a trust against *against* a party who may determine it at his pleasure.

Nor do we think that any obligation to appropriate the property to the use of a Market arises from the provisions of the eighth section of the second Act, unless the Assesment for benefit is actually made upon the proprietors of adjacent property. It is obvious that those proprietors acquire no interest in the property taken, or the uses to which it is applied, distinct from the citizens at large, unless they have

been assessed and paid a distinct consideration. And it is left discretionary with the Corporation to direct or omit such assesment.

These observations lead to the consideration of what estate is [28] by the terms of the Act vested in the Corporation; upon which there appears no room for doubt. It is declared upon confirmation of the report, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, shall become and be seized in fee simple absolute of the premises. A fee simple absolute is used in contradistinction from a conditional, or qualified fee, and is intended only of an estate which is a pure inheritance free from all conditions or qualifications. The absolute power of alienation is necessarily incident to such an estate, and any restriction of this power annexed to the creation of such an estate would be absolutely void.

We are therefore of opinion, that the Legislature by declaring in express terms the nature of the Estate, intended to vest in the Corporation the absolute power of disposing of the property: and that the Corporation when they shall have acquired the title to the lands, will have the power to sell the same, or any part thereof, as the entire and absolute owners, for any purposes the Common Council may see proper.

(signed.) Wm Slosson,
Ogden Edwards.

Which was read and ordered to be filed

A resolution formerly adopted, directing the Counsel to prepare the draft of a law to be presented to the Legislature, authorising the Board to sell the ground intended for the erection of a market near Fulton slip, was ordered to be rescinded in consequence of the before mentioned communication.

The Counsel informed the Board that the Commissioners [29] appointed by the Supreme Court for the purpose of estimating the value of the ground between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf and between Front and South street and the Wharves and Piers in front thereof, have completed their estimate; And he recommended that a Committee be appointed to examine the same, with power, if in their opinion the estimate exceeds the true value of the premises, to authorise him to oppose the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Board proceeded to revise the Laws and Ordinances of the Common Council, and after having made progress therein postponed the same.

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to sign the notice of an application to the Legislature of the State relative to the appointment of a first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court, and that the same be published in the papers employed by the Board, and in the State paper at Albany for six weeks successively.

[30] In Common Council. December 11th 1820.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Pres[id]ent.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Tooker.	Messrs Bolton.
Townsend.	Valentine.
Kip.	Tallman.
Anthony.	Crane.
Swartwout.	Town.
McQueen.	Parker.
Mann.	Brittain.
Board.	Emmons.
Thorp.	De Peyster.
Allen.	Hammond.

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, and special Meeting of 4th Instant were read and approved.

A petition of Benjamin Hinman, on the subject of the present situation of the Milford and Owego Turnpike Road requesting the aid of the Corporation for repairing the same, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[31] A petition of Albert J Terhune for a lease of Lot N° 517 Bayard's East Farm purchased by him in 1817. and on which he had built a house. The said Lot having been sold for non payment of taxes, and the term having expired, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Isaac Valentine, complaining of the Stone Boatmen and Stone Cartmen encumbering the Wharves and thereby preventing the Hay sloops from landing, and the Hay Cartmen from approaching the Wharf, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Thomas A. Wilder and others, Masters and owners of Coasters &c complaining of the high rate of wharfage at the public docks and slips, and pray[g] a reduction of the same was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Sarah Hannifen, stating that she is unable at present to pay the Assessment for regulating Harman Street on her house and

Lot N° 59. said Street, and praying the same may remain on interest, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

A petition of Ephraim Ludlum, praying the appointment of a Wood Inspector, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[32] A petition of William King, stating that in 1819. he had been employed by Jacob Warner to build a tenement on Lot N° 265, William Street leased from this Board, that Warner being unable to pay for said building, petitioner had taken the lease, but did not wish to retain the same, and praying relief was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Thomas H Smith for permission to copper his ship the Beaver at the Pier at the foot of Roosevelt Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips with power.

A petition of Charles M^cEvers in behalf of the Estate of Elizabeth M^cEvers deceased, praying that the personal Tax assessed on said Estate may be remitted was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of George Lorrillard and others, praying that walks may be laid across Chatham Street from Tryon Row to opposite side Chatham Street, and another across Tryon row between the two corners of said Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Henry Mead, that a Committee be appointed to confer with him, on the practicability of employing the paupers in the Alms House, and criminals in the Penitentiary, in the manufacture of porcelain, was read, whereupon the following were appointed a Committee for the above purpose. viz^t [33] Alderman M^cQueen. Anthony. Townsend. M^r Crane. Emmons.

A petition of Rachel Reed relict of George Reed, a Watchman, praying releif, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with powers.

A petition of Henry Smith, stating that he is confined in the City prison for a fine incurred for employing a boy under age as a Chimney sweeper; that he has a large family dependent on his exertions for support and praying relief, was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Joseph N Lord, stating that his lots on Amity Street, in conjunction with another lot on M^cDougal and Amity Streets, owned by some other person, have been assessed for the Common Sewer in Carmine Street, and praying that said Assesment may be apportioned, that it may be determined what petitioner ought to pay, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A memorial of Samuel R Birch, complaining of the assessment on his property in Leonard Street for paving the intersection of Collect and Leonard Streets, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of John Hitchcock and Lewis Hartman for widening the side walks in Rose Street, was read and referred [34] to the Street Commissioner to carry the same into effect.

A petition of Lewis and Joseph Webb, stating that they had, at their own expense, made Clarkson and West Street—that the erection of the sewer in *in* Clarkson Street has for twelve months past deprived them of the use of said Street, and prevented them from having access to their property to their damage, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Peter Wright and others, members of Fire Engine Company N° 24 on the subject of the dismissal from said Company of William Earl, and praying information on what charges Firemen may be dismissed, was referred to the Committee on the fire department and the Chief Engineer with power.

A petition of Leonard Seaman & Co, stating that they have been complained of for selling furniture opposite their store in Vesey street —that several years back they had obtained permission from the Corporation so to do, and praying the Board would grant them the like privelege, was referred to the street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Bridges and others complaining of obstructions in the drain in James' Street, which causes the water to run into their Cellars, and praying the same may be remidied was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

[35] A petition of Abraham K Smedes and others, owners and occupants of property in first Street and first Avenue, praying that part of first Avenue between North Street and the first hollow be lower'd so as to lead off the water from the lower end of First Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee, with power.

A petition of John J D Toiler praying for appointment of a Toll gatherer, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of J B Clark and George Hicks in behalf of the Steam Boat ferry Company to Brooklyn, praying a renewal of the law preventing vessels lying at Anchor in a line between Fulton slip and the old Ferry slip at Brooklyn, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A communication from the Vestry of S^{t} Luke's church, returning the thanks of that body to the Common Council for the use of the

room, corner of Hudson and Christopher Streets for the purpose of Public worship, was read and ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Thomas Allen reported,

The Street Commissioner to whom the above petition was referred respectfully reports, that the facts as stated are true, Mr Allen having asked for permission to build a Vault of greater projection into the Street than is allowed by the Ordinance, he was restricted to twelve feet, so that he has overpaid $11.70 which the un- [36] dersigned would recommend to be repaid

(signed.) John McComb St Commr

Which was approved, and a Warrant for $11.70 ordered to pass being amount overpaid by said Allen, for his Vault in Duane Street.

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for paving first Street, and for regulating Arden Street which were confirmed and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Dally and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors in the former, and Abraham Baudoine, John Brower and John Bedient in the latter.

He also presented an Assesment for regulating Bedford Street from Carmine to Christopher Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented returns of delinquents on the following assessments—for straightening Oliver Street—for extending sewer in Burling slip and paving the street—For well and pump in Prince Street—Whereupon, Ordered that Warrants pass to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He further presented return of delinquents on Assessments one for paving Sullivan Street—for paving St John's lane—for paving Desbrosses Street—for paving Beach Street—for paving Walker Street—for paving Hubert Street—for regulating Dey Street—for regulating Bedford Street—for filling up Dey Street—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to pass to John G Betts for collecting the same.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for correction of a nuisance,

[37] The City Inspector respectfully reports an Ordinance for the correction of a Nuisance.

Dr Nicoll Deering, Agent to Mrs L Hommedieu No 110 Bowery—a Lot

(Signed.) George Cumming Cy Insr

Which was passed.

The Committee on Public Lands and Places on the petition of David Marsh and M Wall reported,

The Committee on Public Lands and places, to whom was referred the petition of David Marsh and Matthias Wall, praying for relief from a suit commenced against them by J. C Simpson City Sealer of Weights and Measures, Report,

that they have had the parties before them, and have made full enquiries into the circumstances attending the complaint for which the suit was brought, from which it appears that during the absence of Mr Marsh and Wall from their Store, Mr Simpson called to make the usual examination of weights and measures, in doing which he was opposed by the Clerk, thro his ignorance of the propriety of such examination. From this circumstance as well as the neglect of Messrs Marsh and Wall after this to send their weights and Measures to the store of the Sealer for the purpose of having them adjusted, as had been directed, the suit was brought by Mr Simpson. Your Committee are of opinion that in the latter circumstance Messrs Marsh and Wall were culpably negligent, and ought to Suffer; but from the frequency of these complaints, and the general plea of uncourteous conduct on the part of the City Sealer, the Committee are inclined to believe it has not always been without foundation, they are therefore on the whole inclined to remit the [38] penalty in this case on the payment of costs, and therefore recommend the following resolution, Resolved,

that David Marsh and Matthias Wall be discharged from the above named suit, on the payment of all costs thereon.

(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
Robert McQueen.
Shivers Parker.
Isaac Emmons.
Gerard De Peyster.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Rutgers Street presented the following Report and Resolution.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Rutgers Street, complaining that they are required to pay an Assessment of $261 for benefits accruing to a Lot of ground in widening Harman Street the Fee of which is owned by the petitioners, when, at the same time the damages amounting to more than six hundred dollars are awarded to

the Lessee of said Lot, who is bound by the conditions of his Lease, to pay all Taxes, charges and impositions whatever, that may be imposed and laid on the premises, during the term of said lease.

And praying that their case be taken into consideration, and the Collector directed to retain the amount of the Assessment, and deduct it from the aforesaid award, Report,

that they find on examining into the particulars of the petitioners case that the Assessment and award above mentioned, was laid by Commis- [39] sioners appointed by the Supreme Court, and that the Assessment for widening and improving Harman Street, having been confirmed by said Court, your Committee are of opinion that the Corporation do not possess the power of annulling it, and that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted.

The following Resolution is respectfully submitted,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted

Chs Town. Chn
(Signed.) Robt Swartwout.
Jno. P. Anthony.
Thos Bolton.

Which were agreed to.

The same Committee on the petition of Joshua Dyett Reported.

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Dyett, stating that he had a short time since been applied to by the Collector of the 5th Ward for the sum of fifty dollars, Tax imposed on Ten thousand dollars, personal property which he the petitioner was supposed to be worth, when in fact, he was an open and avowed Insolvent, and had made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors, four months previous to the Assesment being made, and prays to be releived from paying said tax. He further states in an affidavit attached to the petition that his wife is possessed of personal property probably to the value, at first cost, of three thousand dollars, which was secured to her by the marriage settlement, and on which at a fair valuation [40] in the present depreciated value of property, he has no objection to pay tax.

Report, that they have given the petitioner's case a careful examination, and are satisfied of the correctness of the representation set forth in the petition, and are of opinion that he is entitled to relief to effect which the following resolution is respectfully submitted

Resolved, that the Collector of the 5th Ward be instructed to receive from Joshua Dyett, Ten dollars in full for personal tax for the present

year, and that he return the Balance, say forty dollars, in the list of errors and insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town.
(Signed.) Robt Swartwout.
Jno. P. Anthony.
Thos Bolton.

Which were approved.

The same Committee on the petition of Elbert Anderson presented the following report and resolution.

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Elbert Anderson, complaining that certain property belonging to him had been advertised to be sold for a term of years to the highest bidder for arrears of Taxes, and the Interest thereon; that it had been assessed without designating farm or ward, number, and without describing any known metes or bounds—That the said property has been designated by the Collector of arrears of Taxes in his own hand writing in the official books of his office, and located, numbered, and arranged by ward and farm, [41] as appears in the aforesaid advertisement, without any affidavit of its identity from the Assessors. And further that the said Collector had located and fixed on the petitioner, as being the owner of six Acres of ground, out of 48 formerly belonging to the Estate of Hugh Gaine and which was originally assessed to Henry Dickers as being the owner of the whole. The petitioner further complaining of the Collector whom he designates as a young man without experience, who had presumed to affix numbers, metes and bounds to his property without the sanction of original documents, and for refusing (when he called at his office, and acknowledged himself the owner of said property) to receive the tax without Interest, which he demanded at the rate of 14 per Cent pr annum.

The petitioner therefore prays that penalties be inflicted on Assessors who neglect their duty in not designating property assessed as required by law—that in all cases of doubt, the original amount of taxes be received without Interest or charge, as in justice it ought to have been done by the Collector in this case, and that your petitioner's name be erased, as a supposed or intended defaulter.

Report, that after a patient investigation of the petitioner's case, and a careful examination of books of Assessments for several years past they do not find any grounds whatever, for the complaints contained in *in* the petition, of alterations having been made in the numbers, metes and bounds of the petitioner's property, by the Collector of arrears of Taxes: and that he has failed to establish the correctness of

any one charge against that officer, except that of his having refused to receive the tax assessed on petitioner's property without Interest, which in the opinion of your Committee was undoubtedly correct—and as the official character [42] of Mr Smith has been called in question, on this occasion, the Committee with pleasure take this opportunity of expressing their decided approbation of the official conduct of that Gentlemen, in all his transactions, in which they have as a Committee had occasion to be made acquainted with.

And as it respects the request of the petitioner, for the relinquishment of the 14 per Cent Interest on his amount of Taxes, your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the prayer ought not to be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition—The following resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and that he has leave to withdraw his petition.

Chas Town. Chn
(Signed.) Robt Swartwout.
Jno. P. Anthony.
Thos Bolton.

Which were approved.

The Street Committee on the petition of Henry W Bool reported,

The Street Committee to whom the above petition was referred, Report that they have considered the subject, and are of opinion that the request may be granted.

for which purpose they offer the following resolution,

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, provided the railing be put up under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
[43] (signed.) Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.
S. P Brittain.

Which was approved.

The Committee on public offices on the report of the Attorney of a complaint against Griffith Davis reported.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred a report from the Attorney stating a complaint had been made against Griffith Davis for driving his carriage without a licence, and that the said Davis is now on the limits at the instance of the Corporation, respectfully report,

that from the representation of the Attorney your Committee are of opinion that he ought to be liberated, having since complied with the ordinance by taking out licence, and would therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that Griffith Davis be liberated from confinement on the payment of costs.

Submitted.
B. Crane, Ch[n]
(Signed.) Ab[m] Valentine.
Tho[s] Bolton.

Which was approved.

The Finance Committee on the remonstrance of [44] sundry inhabitants of Cornelia Street, presented the following report, and resolution.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of Charles Oakley and others against the widening of Cornelia Street report,

That the most material facts connected with this subject are as follows. That Cornelia Street is situated in the village of Greenwich, about one and a half mile from the City Hall: that it is in length about 300 feet, and is by no means a public or leading avenue: that the petitioners for the improvement are owners of six lots of ground on said Street, while the remonstrators are the owners of the remaining 24 Lots; that the petition for widening said Street was referred to the Street Committee, who reported favorably to the prayer thereof, and that consequently application was made to the Supreme Court, and Commissioners appointed, but that said Commissioners have not been qualified to act according to Law.

Your Committee have endeavoured to give this subject due consideration, and for that purpose they have personally viewed the premises and conferred with the parties both for and against the improvement, and the result of their investigations is, that in their opinion, a measure that [is] opposed by more than three fourths of the owners of the property immediately interested, and which will be of such essential injury to said Owners, by reducing the depth of their Lots, already much reduced by the opening of the 6[th] Avenue, ought not to be carried into effect unless it can be Shown that some great public improvement would be [45] the result. But it is presumed by your Committee that this will not be insisted on, as the idea appeared to be abandoned, even by the petitioners for the alteration, and the Street is evidently so situated as to preclude the probability that it will ever

become a leading or public Street. The Committee are of opinion therefore, that the proceedings on the subject of widening Cornelia Street ought to be discontinued and they offer the following resolution accordingly.

Resolved that the Council be instructed to discontinue all proceedings on the subject of widening Cornelia Street.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) Stephen Allen.
Judah Hammond.
S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.

Which were approved.

The Special Committee on the petition of John Anderson Reported,

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr John Anderson praying to be compensated in $1692.^{56}/_{100}$ for two extra blocks built by him at the foot of Vesey Street, in order to support a part of the work he had contracted to do for the Corporation, have had the subject long under consideration, and obtained all the information in their power, and are of the opinion that the subject ought to be left to a reference, One to be appointed by this Board, and the other to be appointed by Mr Anderson, and the other to be appointed by those two first appointed.

[46] And offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the petition of John Anderson be left to a reference, to be appointed by the parties concerned, as mentioned in the above Report.

Resolved that the referee on the part of this Board be Mr John Targee, provided Mr Joshua Jones concur therein.

(Signed.) David Board.
Gerard DePe[y]ster.
Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on applications on the petition of William Fitch for appointment of City Weigher Reported,

The Committee of applications to whom was referred the petition of William Fitch, praying to be appointed a weighmaster, have examined the subject, and do report that the applicant is a proper person to receive that appointment and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that William Fitch be, and he is hereby appointed a Weigh Master for the City of New York.

(signed.) David Board,
Gerard DePeyster.

Which was approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies. Which was agreed to.

[47] Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Seth Campbell, Grocer, Corner of Hester & Forsyth St 10th Ward
Vice, Abraham Craft Resigned.

N° 3.

William P Harris, Grocer, N° 33 Stone St 1st ditto
Vice. John Miller, Resigned
William W. Lowerre, Carpenter N° 55 Pearl St 1st ditto
Vice. John F Miller, Resigned.
Cornelius Cammeyer, Baker N° 20 Moore St. 1st ditto
Vice, Andrew Turnbull Resigned.
William Crane, Carpenter, N° 55 Lispenard St 5th ditto
Vice. Leonard De Klyne Resigned.

N° 11.

Oliver Howell Shoe maker, N° 69 William St 1st ditto
Vice. Israel C Holmes, Resigned.

N° 12.

Patrick Kerrigan, Morrocco dresser, N° 25 Ferry St 4th ditto
Vice. William P. Harris. Resigned.

N° 18.

Henry W. Haydock, Merchant, N° 299 Pearl St 2nd ditto
Vice. Stephen R Kirby Resigned.

N° 21.

Charles L Bocage, Clerk, N° 65. Fulton St. 2nd ditto
Vice William Meekleworth Resigned.

N° 22.

Thomas Megson, Ship wright, N° 37 Lombardy St. 7th do
Vice. Joseph Wilson Deceased.

[48] Charles Deveau. Cooper. Lombardy Street N° 106. 7th Ward
Vice. Walter F. Townsend. Neglect of duty.
George Baylis. Ship wright, Pyke and Lumbardy. 7th do
Vice John Green Resigned.

N° 25.

Samuel S Gautier. Hair-dresser. N° 59 Church S^t^ 5th do
Vice. William Colgate. Resigned.

N° 29.

Alexander Ritchie. Dyer Greenwich S^t^ 9th do
Vice. Joseph Baldwin Left the City.

M^r^ Hammond presented the following resolution which was agreed to.

Resolved, that a Committee on applications to the Hon^l^ the Legislature of this State be appointed by the Chair to consist of five persons.

Whereupon, the following were appointed the said Committee. M^r^ Hammond. Bolton. Ald^n^ Kip. Anthony. Allen.

The Board proceed to consider a Law regulating the appointment of Officers of the Corporation, was laid on the Table, for further consideration.

[49] The Board then proceeded to take into consideration the Laws revised by the Counsel, and after making progress therein, the further consideration of the same was postponed.

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[52] Special Meeting. In Common Council. December 18th 1820.

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend	Abraham Valentine.
Robert Swartwout.	Harmanus Tallman.
Robert M^c^Queen.	Charles Town.
Asa Mann.	Shivers Parker.
David Board.	Stephen P Brittain.
George B Thorp.	Isaac Emmons.
Stephen Allen.	Gerard De Peyster.
	Judah Hammond.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had called this Meeting in pursuance of a request from the Committee of Finance.

Alderman Allen of the Finance Committee stated that a proposition having been made by Mr Lewis Moore respecting a Lot owned by him near Fulton Slip, part of the ground which had been heretofore proposed as a site for a Market, which proposal the Committee were of opinion it would be the Interest of the Corporation to accept, they had requested his Honor the [53] Mayor to call this meeting for the purpose of considering and determining upon said proposal; he added that the Committee had directed him to submit certain Resolutions which were in conformity with the proposals of Mr Moore, which Resolutions being read were as follows.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an Indenture with covenants, that if the Supreme Court shall at their January term confirm the Report of the Commissioners appointed to estimate the value of the property between Front Street and the East River, and between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, the Corporation will reinvest Lewis Moore in all the rights he now enjoys to the property owned by him, included in said Report, subject, however to the same conditions, and terms upon which he now holds said property, except a covenant to pay a quit rent for the same: Provided, however the said Lewis Moore will covenant on his part to release the Corporation from all demands on account of the sums of money which the said Commissioners have or may award him on account of said premises.

Resolved, that said Indenture be submitted to the Finance Committee for examination: And on their request, that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to affix thereto, during the recess of the Board the Seal of this incorporation.

A[f]ter some discussion the question was taken on agreeing to the several resolutions, and it was carried in the affirmative.

A petition of William Ponsford, that Stall N° 18 Washington Market, may be granted him was referred to the Market Committee.

[54] A communication from the Governors of the New York Hospital transmitting a report made to the Governor by a Committee of their Corporation was laid before the Board by his Honor the Mayor. The report of the Committee stated that agreeably to the Resolution of the Governors of the 5th of September last directing patients ill of the Typhus fever which should be sent by the Board of Health of the City to be received into the Hospital they had continued to receive such patients, until the 8th Instant but finding the disease of an infectious nature, several of the Nurses, and of other patients in the Hospital having taken the disease, and the cold weather not now permitting them to ventilate the Chambers of the Hospital, they had

thought prudent to decline receiving any more patients sick of that disease.

Whereupon the Clerk was directed to transmit the same to the Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Board of Health on 4th Instant on this subject. viz the Recorder.

A communication was received from John Randall Junior informing that the surveys, maps and &c of Manhattan Island and its opposite shores, which he had agreed to make for the Corporation were completed, and he requested a Committee might be appointed to examine the same and to audit his account; Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A further Petition of Samuel Hendrickson for remission of a penalty was referred to the police Committee, with authority to remit the same.

[55] A petition of James Geery praying the renewal of a warrant for $100. which bore date October 30th 1820—No 864 which had been lost, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Thomas Shaw respecting a fine laid on him amounting to $30. which he understood had been remitted by the Police Committee, was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to act in the premises, as they should judge proper.

A petition from Marcus Wilbur for relief from an undue assessment for personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Counsel submitted for execution the following certificates of the Sale of property for taxes on the 9th of December Instant, which were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution the following Certificates of the sale of property for taxes on the 9th of Decemr Instant. towit.

To Abraham R Lawrence of two lots of ground and shop on the south side of Cherry Street, between Montgomery and Governeur Streets, assessed as belonging to Butler Sturges and Company sold for six years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of one lot of ground and shop on the North side of Water Street, between Montgomery and [56] Governeur street, assessed as belonging to Butler Sturges and *and* Company, sold for 8 years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of one Lot of ground, on the East side of Scammel Street, between Banker and Henry streets assessed as belonging to unknown Owners, sold for 18 years.

To William Bakewell of 2 lots of ground, on the westerly side of Elizabeth Street, between Grand and Broome streets assessed as belonging to Isaac B Cox, sold for 5 years.

To Robert Nicholas of one Lot of ground on the Northerly side of Reason street, East of Herring Street, assessed as belonging to Conrad Brooks, sold for 19 years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of one lot of ground on the East side of Mercer Street between Bleecker and Amity streets, assessed as belonging to owners unknown, sold for fifteen years.

To William J Waldron of one lot of ground on the southerly side of Amos Street, between the Assylum and Factory, assessed as belonging to Hector Scott, sold for Forty years.

To Robert Nicholas of Eight lots of ground on Fitz Roi Road, assessed as belonging to George Davis, and sold for Ten years.

To Robert Nicholas of Eight lots of ground on Fitz Roi Road, assessed as belonging to John A Schuyler, sold for nine years.

[57] To Robert Nicholas of three Acres of ground, on Harlaem Road, assessed as belonging to Bernard Hart, sold for seventeen years.

To Robert Nicholas one lot of ground and building thereon, on Rose Hill at the corner of the middle road, assessed as belonging to Richard Burke, sold for 5 years.

To William L Simers of one Lot of ground and building thereon, at Harlaem Town, assessed as belonging to Capt Zuill, sold for seventeen years.

To Robert Nicholas of four lots of ground at Manhattan ville, assessed as belonging to the estate of John D Miller sold for twenty five years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of 16 Acres of land at Bloomingdale, assessed as belonging to Hyder Somerindyck, sold for 15 years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of one lot of ground, on the Westerly side of Willett street, between Stanton and Rivington Streets, assessed as belonging to Ralph Jacobs, sold for 20 years.

To Abraham R Lawrence of one lot of ground on the Westerly side of Pitt street, between Stanton and North streets assessed as belonging to unknown Owners, sold for 20 years.

To George De Grass of 2 Lots of ground on the westerly side of Essex street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, assessed as belonging to unknown Owners, sold for fifteen years.

respectfully submitted

(signed.) Ogden Edwards

[58] A communication was made by John Anderson transmitting a letter from Mr Joshua Jones, addressed to the Clerk of the Common Council, in which Mr Jones declines interfering in the Arbitration proposed in the case of Mr Anderson as having paid his proportion of the pier in question he considers the business as finally closed on his part; Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel for his opinion, as to the liability of Mr Jones.

The Memorial to Congress for the cession to the Corporation of Fort Clinton, which had been laid on the Table, was now called up, and on the question of approving the same, it was carried in the affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Allen were as follows.

Ayes Alderman Tooker, Townsend, Swartwout, McQueen, Board, Thorp. Mr Bolton, Valentine, Tallman, Town, Parker, Brittain. 12.

Noes Alderman, Mann, Allen Mr Emmons, DePeyster, Hammond. 5

The Memorial was thereupon, directed to be duly authenticated, and transmitted to the Congress now in Session at Washington.

The Committee of Charity on the petition of Henry Smith reported,

The Committee of Charity to whom the petition of Henry Smith, now in prison was referred, stating he is there confined for the sum of Eight dollars, sixty cents, for [59] employing a boy under age, as a Chimney sweep, Report,

That from the poverty of the said Smith they recommend he be discharged on payment of cost, they, therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Attorney of this Board discharge Henry Smith from the above penalty on payment of cost.

Shivers Parker,
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton,
David Board.

Which was approved, and it was directed that if petitioner was unable to pay the costs, that the Chairman of the Committee should have authority to discharge him, notwithstanding the non-payment of the costs.

[60] In Common Council. December 26th 1820.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P. Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swartwout.	Charles Town.
	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
George B Thorp.	Gerard DePeyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, and of the Special Meeting were read and approved.

A petition of William Harrison to be appointed a Measurer of Lime was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A communication was received from Joseph Coppinger proposing an improvement in the construction of passage boats, so as to prevent their oversetting in sudden squalls of wind, by attaching to them a swinging keel, and bouyant gun whales, which was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[61] A petition of Robert M Livingston, praying that a suit against him for not filling in certain Lots may be discontinued, was referred to the Committee on Streets

A petition of Ahasuerus Turk, praying the appointment of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of the Inhabitants of the fifth Ward, praying that a Fire engine may be stationed in the vicinity of S[t] John's Church, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Remonstrance was presented from a number of the Owners of property in the 9th Ward, objecting to any portion of the Assessment of the expences for working the 3rd Avenue being laid upon them, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Bethuel Howard for Stall N° 46 Catharine Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from the Inspectors of Manure, praying that in the revision of the Law respecting the sale of Manure, an amendment may be made, compelling the seller or contractor to pay them the fee of three cents for Inspection of a load, which being read, was referred to the Street Committee.

[62] A petition of Richard Jackson, stating that at a late fire corner of Chapple and Warren Streets his leg was injured and he has been thereby prevented from working, was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Joseph Stevens for appointment of Clerk of 4th and 6th Ward Court at present held by Mr John Campbell, but who intends resigning the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of James Gray for further time for payment of an Assesment on him for Canal Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Communication was received from the Register of the City and County, representing that the spacious office allotted to him in the Hall was now completed, and requesting the Corporation to honor him with viewing the same, on the first day of the coming year, was read and the Invitation accepted.

A petition of Isaac Sayre and of Joseph Spencer for the appointment of Measurer of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications, who immediately reported in their favor, which report was approved, and they were appointed Measurers of Grain accordingly.

[63] A petition of Asher Freeman for an appointment to the Office of Measurer of Lime, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Report from the Keeper of the Bridewell of the prisoners confined in the City Prison and Bridewell on the 18th Inst was laid before the Board by his Honor the Mayor, and was directed to be filed.

George B Smith Collector of Arrearages of Taxes presented a return of delinquents of arrears of Taxes for the year 1819. upon real Estate within the City and County, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was received from Messrs John and Nicholas Haight, transmitting therewith, for the inspection of the Members of the Board a part of a piece of Ingrained Carpeting, manufactured by them in this City, it being the first piece manufactured by them, and, as they believe, the first that has been perfectly made in the United States, with a wish that if it was found to bear a critical examination that it might receive the private testimony of the Individuals of the Board in its behalf. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The Chief Engineer presented the following report accompanied

with the Annual Return of the names of the Engineers, Foremen, Firemen and Fire Wardens, and the places of deposite [64] of the respective Machines. Whereupon the Return was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with a request to cause to be printed so many copies as they shall deem advisable.

To the Corporation of the City of New York.

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports; that he has carefully inspected every branch of the Fire department, and herewith presents his annual return, with the names of the Engineers, Foremen, Firemen and Fire Wardens, their places of abode, occupation &c also the places of Deposite of the respective Machines, whereby it will appear that there are forty five Engines including two (formerly Nos 24. and 27.) stationed at the Alms House: There are also four Hook and Ladder trucks, one Hose waggon, ten thousand seven hundred and five feet of hose in good order, (including six hundred feet at the N. Alms House.) One thousand two hundred and seventy feet ordinary, five hundred feet bad, making in the whole twelve thousand four hundred and eighty two feet of hose: there are also three hundred and thirty nine fire buckets (including forty at the New Alms House) in good order, sixty five broken to be repaired, making in the whole four hundred and four buckets: also seventeen ladders, twenty two hooks, one machine for throwing down Chimnies, and one copper pump. The total number of men attached to the Fire Department, when the companies are complete, including the Engineers and Fire Wardens, is twelve hundred and eighty one: but as there are now eighty four vacancies the present actual number is eleven hundred and ninety seven.

During the present year one new Engine has been built for Company No 13. and the old one taken in exchange at four hundred [65] dollars. Seven Engines have been rebuilt Viz, Nos 8. 14. 15. 19. 22. 32. & 37.

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed.) Thos Franklin.
Chief Engineer

The following Firemen were appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company No 3.

John Parmeton, Grocer, No 9 Water Street 1st Ward
vice. John Robertson Expelled for neglect of duty.

Charles Gregory, Merchant, No 26 Moore St 1st Ward
vice Jacob Brower Left the City

N° 8.

Joseph G Durell, Crockery Merch^{t} N° 482 Pearl S^{t} 6th do
Vice. Isaac Fardon. Resigned.

N° 13.

Gilbert J Horton, Accountant N° 42 Roosevelt S^{t} 4th do
vice Stephen Loines, Left the City.

N° 14.

Jacob Anthony, 2nd Teller U S. B. Bank. N° 32 Dey S^{t} 3^{d} do
Vice. Peter Roome Junior Resigned 3rd dec^{r} 1819.

N° 42.

Thomas Wheeler, Clerk, N° 309 Water Street. 4th do
vice. William Agnew, appointed fire warden.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. For well and pump in Vestry Street, near Hudson Street, for [66] well and pump in Forsyth street, near Grand Street for regulating and paving Oliver Street, from Banker Street to Chatham Street, for paving Washington Street from Chamber to Warren Street.

He, also, presented a return of delinquents on the assessment for opening Harman Street; Whereupon, a warrant was directed to be issued to the Collector for collecting the same.

He, also, presented an Ordinance for paving foot walks across Chatham Street and Tryon Row at the intersection of those Streets, which was passed, and John Brower, Abraham Dally and John Bedient were appointed assessors therein.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinance for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances. viz.

N° 1.	H. Lowry,	Owner,	P. McGee,	Occup^{t}	N° 27	Moore S^{t}	A privy
2.	J. Smith	ditto	Ch^{s} McDermot	do	114	Broad "	ditto
3.	J & L Brewster		Lessees & Occup^{ts}		102	Broadway	ditto
4.	J. Anderson,	Owner,	M. Ward,	Occup^{t}	114	do	ditto
5.	ditto	ditto	J. Johnson	ditto	118	do	ditto
6.	ditto	ditto	F Guerin	ditto	120	do	ditto
7.	J. Tonnelle	Lessee	& Occup^{t}		284	Pearl S^{t}	ditto
8.	H^{y} Kneeland	Ag^{t}	F Everet	Occup^{t}	309	do	ditto
9.	E. Blackford	do	N K Phillips	do	114	Fulton do	ditto
10.	J White,	Lessee,	A Marshall	do	38	Chapel S^{t}	ditto

[67]11.	J. White,	Lessee,	D. Jackson	Occupt	36	Chapel St	A privy
12.	Philip Serren,	do		& Occupt	68	do	ditto
13.	Elias Burger	Owner			187	Duane "	ditto
14.	Hy Tiebout	ditto	L. Searle	Occupt	78	Chapel.	ditto
15.	G Wragg	ditto	C Dodge	do	10	Thomas	ditto
16.	Jas Mead	ditto	& Occupt		33.	Seaman	ditto
17.	Beaty	ditto	A Almy	Occupt	8.	Vestry	ditto
18.	D. Hagerty	ditto	J. Quin	do	100	Anthony	ditto
19.	A Swart	ditto	&	do	7	Pike	ditto
20.	R Hicks	ditto	D Britt	do	129	Harman	ditto
21.	A Bergh	ditto	Mrs Chamberlain	do	139	do	ditto
22.	J. Byrnes	ditto	Js Parker	do	141	do	ditto
23.	J. Sutliff	Lessee	and	do	177	do	ditto
24.	C Gould	ditto	"	do	159	do	ditto
25.	A Decker	ditto	"	do	157	do	ditto
26.	M Simpson	ditto	"	do	143	do	ditto
27.	E. Easton	ditto	"	do	9	Rutgers	ditto
28.	J. McMasters	Owner	P. Massonneau	do	5	do	ditto
29.	Mrs Johnson	ditto	J Nixon	do	195	division	ditto
30.	J. Talmaage	ditto	J. Wallace	do	197	do	ditto
31.	S. Purdy	ditto	Wm Parker	do	199	do	ditto
32.	J. Williams	ditto	and	do	207	do	ditto
33.	Mrs Crommel	ditto	C Dodge	do	209	do	ditto
34.	T Gashore	ditto	and	do	211	do	ditto
35.	Henry Rutgers	ditto	Mrs Moore	do	6	Jefferson	ditto
36.	do do	ditto	J. Smith	do	8	do	ditto
37.	Wm Appleby	ditto	M List	do	3	do	ditto
[68]38.	P. Conolly	ditto	and	do	1	do	do
39.	J Purdy.	ditto	J. Churchill	do	227	division	do
40.	J. Feeks	do	J Scribner	do	229	do	do
41.	A Van Deusen	Lessee	and	do	233	do	do
42.	H Redden	do	J Speck	do	255	do	do
43.	G. Scott	Owner	J. J Ludwig	do	20	Henry	do
44.	Mrs Dogherty	Lessee	J Mahan	do	34	"	do
45.	T. Goodman	Owner	R Carson	do	42	"	do
46.	R Thompson	do	M Oakley Agt J. Chittig	do	74	"	do
47.	J. Bronson	do	C Johnson,	do	94	"	do
48.	M Oakley	do	J Baldwin	do	11	Pike	do
49.	Mrs Walker	do	C. McClinch	do	107	Henry	do
50.	J. Morgan	do	H A. Allen	do	69	do	do
51.	Wm Magee	do	and	do	57	do	do
52.	J K Beekman	do	J McCummiskey	do	51	do	do
53.	J. Cunningham	lessee	and	do	49	do	do
54.	J. Dobbin	Owner	Strong & Ballagh	do	39	do	do
55.	J. O Donnell		(J Dobbin Owner)	do	37	do	do
56.	Stephen Martin	Owner	and	do	29	do	do
57.	Robert Adair	do		do	27	do	do

58. P. Carroll	Owner	and	Occupt	9	Henry	A privy
59. J. Wardell	do		do	11	do	do
60. D. McKinney	Lessee	and	do	23	Catherⁿ	do
61. Samuel St John	Owner	E Carroll	do	41	Oliver	do
62. Wm Furman	owner.	Mr Vn Colt Agt Timy W. Vanderbilt	do	58	Roosevelt	do
63. J Morgan	Owner,	H A Allen	do	69	Henry	do
64. Buchanan	Lessee	J Thompson	do	63	Banker	do
[69]65. J. Newton,	Owner	J McGilty	do	65	do	do
66. D. Philips,	Lessee	and	ditto	67	do	do
67. J Dobbin,	Agent	H Scullen	ditto	3	Torbert	do
68. do	do	J Morton	ditto	8	do	do
69. do	do	H Anderson	ditto	9	do	do
70. do	do	Mr Ferguson	ditto	12	do	do
71. do	do	E. Mead	ditto	13	do	do
72. E. McKeon	Lessee	and	ditto	83	Banker	do
73. J Dobbin	Owner	P. T. O Connor	ditto	85	do	do
74. T. Goodwin	do	T. Coughlan	ditto	87	do	do
75 J. Fisher	Lessee	and	ditto	89	do	do
76. W. Mullineux	Owner	J. Ewen	ditto	101	Wm	do
77. M Hartnet	do	and	do	117	do	do
78. T. Stagg	do	P Deal	do	123	do	do
79. S. Butler	do	and	do	125	do	do
80 R Hall	do	W. M Smith	do	127	do	do
81 Dissosway	do	M Betts & H Palmer	do	1	Bermingham	do
82 C. Covert	do	and	do	7	do	do
83 Dissosway	do	R Barnes	do	11	do	do
84 J. C. Roosevelt	do	L Prentiss	do	17	Batavia	do
85 do	do do	A Sherman	do	19	do	do
86 do	do do	P Schuler	do	21	do	do
87 Grove Wright	do				Varick	Lott
88 William Orr	do				Washington	do
89 H. Lynch	Agent				Collect	do
90 Mrs. Coles	Owner	Wm Adair	do	24	Henry	do
91 J. K. Beekman	do	J McCummiskey	do	51	do	do
[70]92. J Dobbins	Owner	J Farrell	do	37	do	do
93. Boyd & Dickson	Owners				Franklin	do
94. E. Framer	Lessee	and Occupant.		73	Bancker	do

signed. George Cuming, City Inspr

The Council presented for execution a certificate of Sale to A W Sanford for the southerly half part of Vestry Street between Lewis & Lawrence St which was directed to be duly executed.

He also, in compliance with the directions of the Board to enquire into the liability of Joshua Jones on the contract with John Anderson reported,

The Council in compliance with the direction of the Board has examined the question as to the liability of Joshua Jones to contribute towards satisfying the demands of John Anderson for certain expences for making a pier, over and above what were specified in his contract with the Corporation. It appears from the contract that he covenanted to build the pier in question, in a certain specified manner, and "according to such directions as should from time to time be given by the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, the Street Commissioner or such person as should be appointed by that Committee to Superintend it." and "also to uphold and keep it in repair for the term of six months after it should be completed." This being the Contract entered into by Mr Anderson, he of course was bound to execute it. The circumstance of the directions given to him being indiscreet, and his conforming to them being the cause of the upsetting of one of the blocks of the [71] pier (even if true) will not exonerate him from his responsibility. If those directions were such as the agent of the Corporation were not authorised by the contract to give he was not bound to regard them; and if by endeavoring to carry them into effect he has sustained damage, it is in consequence of his own voluntary act, and for which he has no legal claim on the Corporation for remuneration. If on the other hand those orders were within the scope of the contract, he of course was bound to carry them into effect, and to incur every expence necessary for that purpose.

The Contract, above alluded to, is the only one which was entered into in relation to the premises between the Corporation and Mr Anderson, and it does not appear that the Agents of the Corporation were ever authorised to enter into any other. Of course his claim must rest upon the original contract, And for the reasons above stated, I am of opinion it cannot be sustained.

The claims of the Corporation upon Mr Jones to contribute, can only be coextensive with their legal liabilities, and if I am correct in my opinion, that Mr Anderson has no legal claim upon the Corporation, it follows of course that if any money is paid to him, no recovery can be had for it against Mr Jones.

In the opinion which I have here given, I have proceed[ed] upon the assumption that all the representations of Mr Anderson are correct.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards.

Which was directed to be filed.

I[t] was thereupon Resolved that the subject of Mr Anderson's claim to further compensation be referred to Arbitration, as heretofore directed.

[72] The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Marcus Wilbur reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Marcus Wilbur, complaining of having been assessed twice this year, in the first Ward for personal Tax, to wit, at N° 3 Cedar Street where he resides, and at N° 141 Pearl Street where he does business, and praying to be relieved from paying the amount assessed at N° 141 Pearl Street. Report,

That on examining the Book of Assessment, they found the case to be, as is stated by the petitioner, and are of opinion that the prayer is just and reasonable and ought to be granted. And in order to effect it, the following resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the Collector of the First Ward be instructed to decline collecting the personal Tax assessed on Marcus Wilbur at N° 141 Pearl Street, and that he return the same in the list of errors and Insolvencies in said ward.

Charles Town Ch^n
(signed.) Thos S. Townsend.
Robt Swartwout.
John. P. Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Charles McEvers Executor of Gulian McEvers deceased reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the *the* petition of Charles McEvers, Executor of the Estate of the late Gulian McEvers, in which he says he has been called on by [73] the Collector of the 3rd Ward for the payment of the personal tax on Nine thousand dollars, assessed on the late Mrs Elizabeth McEvers that since her death, he finds the personal property left by her, will not pay much more than half of the claims already exhibited, and prays that the Tax may be remitted.

Report, that on examining the Books of Assessments for several years past, it appears that Mrs McEvers was not assessed for personal Taxes in 1815. 16. 18. & 19 and that in 1817 and 1820. she was assessed $5000 personal. Your Comittee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, for the following reasons, in not applying for relief at the time the Book was left open by the Assessors for alteration, and the admission of Mr McEvers, that

the late Mrs McEvers, was in the yearly receipt of Interest on a much larger sum than that on which she has been assessed.

The Committee therefore recommend, respectfully, the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

Chs Town.
(signed.) Thos S. Townsend.
Robt Swartwout.
John. P Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Joseph N. Lord reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Joseph N. Lord, in which he states that he is the owner of [74] four lots of ground fronting on the contemplated line of Amity Street That those lots have lately been assessed for building a sewer in Carmine Street, in conjunction with another lot of ground on the corner of McDougal and Amity Street, owner unknown to the petitioner, and the whole estimated together as five lots, and at $87.75/100

As this assessment blends his property with that of others more advantageously situated, and being willing to pay a fair proportion thereof, he prays that the subject be referred to a Committee, with power to apportion the said Assessment, and determine what amount he ought of right to pay.

Report, That on examination of the case your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted, the Law does not authorise any person to alter or apportion an assessment after it has been confirmed, but expressly says that it shall be final and conclusive on the parties. It also points out the manner in which a person can obtain relief, who is compelled to pay an Assessment, on property which does not belong to him.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

Chs Town. Chn
(signed.) Thos S. Townsend.
Robt Swartwout.
John. P. Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of L. Seaman & Co reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Leonard

Seaman & Co praying permission to continue the sales of furniture &c [75] in front of their Auction Store in Vesey Street, Report,

That they have had the subject matter of the said petition under consideration, that the privelege solicited is not in the power of this Board to grant without repealing the 3rd Section of the Ordinance regulating Sales at Auction, or extending the provisions of the said Ordinance to meet this case, neither of which is deemed necessary or proper on the present occasion, in consequence of the narrowness of the Street, above Greenwich Street,

Therefore, Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Robt Swartwout
(Signed.) Asa Mann.
Isaac Emmons,
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom the annexed *petition was referred, Having viewed the situation of Chatham Street, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted,

They therefore present the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause foot walks of flat stone, to be laid across Chatham Street and Tryon Row, agreeably to the request of the petitioners, and that he present an Ordinance to that effect.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
(signed.) Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[76] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Lorillard and others, praying that cross walks may be laid across Chatham Street and Tryon Row reported (see fo 75.) which was approved and the resolution adopted. The Street Commissioner accordingly presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto. which was passed.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition relative to the drain in James Street reported

The Canal Committee to whom the within petition was referred, Report,

* Marginal note reads *on the Petition of George Lorillard and others for Cross walks to be laid across Chatham Street & Tryon Row.*—ED.

that they have attended to the subject, and are of opinion from the information which they have received, that the present drain is so far decayed, that it cannot be repaired, nor can a new one be laid down at this season of the year, without great inconvenience to those residing on the Street, as well as an additional expence.

But in order to relieve the petitioners they recommend that the drain be opened in two or three places, and a trial be made to clear it for the present: for which purpose they offer the following resolution. Resolved,

That the Superintendent of repairs be instructed to have the drain in James' Street opened, and a trial be made to clear it, so as to vent the water, until a new and permanent one can be built.

Robert Swartwout.
(signed.) Isaac Emmons.
Gerard DePeyster.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, & the resolution adopted.

[77] The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the *the* petition of Benjamin Hinman praying a loan of Money to complete the Owego Turnpike road Reported.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Hinman, requesting a loan of money towards completing the Milford and Owego Turnpike, or to make an investment in the Stock thereof Report.

that there are doubts on the minds of your Committee, whether the Corporation possess the authority to appropriate money for improvement, of the nature alluded to; but under the present situation of the City finances, they deem it unnecessary to discuss that question, as the receipts into the Treasury are at present insufficient to pay the current expences of the City, and any extraordinary expence incurred, must be followed by an addition to our taxes, or an increase to our City debt: they therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with the request of the Directors of the Milford and Owego Turnpike Company.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Allen,
Sam[l] Tooker,
(signed.) J. Hammond.
S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of A[l]bert J Terheune reported,

[78] The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Albert J Terhuen, praying that he may receive a lease for a Lot of ground, formerly sold by the Corporation for the payment of Taxes, the term of which sale had expired. Report, that the Lot alluded to is a part of Bayard's East farm, and is situated at N° 137 Mulberry Street. That it was sold for a term of years, agreeably to a Law of this State, for the payment of taxes and assessments. That previous to the expiration of said term M[r] Terheune purchased all the right of a man by the name of Henry Van Houten for $1000. but that said Van Houten had no title to the fee of said Lot. That Terheune has been called on by the Street Commissioner, in conformity to a resolution of this Board, to produce his title to said Lot; but being satisfied of the insufficiency of his present Title, he now proposes to take a lease of the premises, under the Act authorising the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain unclaimed lands passed the 26th of March 1819.

The Committee therefore propose the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a lease to Albert J. Terheune for Lot N° 517 Bayard's East farm, known as N° 137 Mulberry Street, for a term of twenty one years from the first of May 1820, or until the legal owner shall appear to claim the same, at the annual rent of fifty dollars payable quarterly, subject however to the conditions and provisions of the aforementioned Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
[79] (Signed.) J. Hammond.
S. P Brittain.
B. Crane.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the petition of James Geery reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Geery, praying that a Warrant may pass in his favor for One hundred dollars in lieu of one of same amount lost or mislaid Report,

That they have no reason to doubt the facts stated by M[r] Geery that he has lost the warrant alluded to; that he advertised the same in the public papers, and that he requested the Treasurer, should it be offered for payment to stop it.

They, therefore propose the following resolution, Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed, on James Geery's lodging with him an indemnifying Bond, conditioned, that the Corporation, shall be saved harmless from the payment of the Warrant N° 864 for one hundred dollars, to report a Warrant for the same in lieu of the said Warrant N° 864.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(signed.) J Hammond.
S. P. Brittain
Benj[n] Crane.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[80] The Committee on finance on the petition of William King Reported,

The finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of William King, stating that he had come in possession of the lease of the House and Lot N° 265 William Street, with the view of securing the payment of a sum expended in erecting a building on the premises for Jacob Warner, the person who had engaged to take the said Lease of the Corporation; and praying to be relieved as he does not wish to hold the premises Report.

That in their opinion the request of the petitioner for relief is entirely inadmissible, and they propose the following resolution, accordingly.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner is inadmissible, and cannot be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
(signed.) Sam[l] Tooker,
J Hammond,
B. Crane.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee presented the following report on the subject of the claim against the United States for monies paid for damages done to lands during the late War.

The finance Committee beg leave to inform the Board that pursuant to authority granted them they selected and instructed General Morton to proceed to the City of Washington with the Vouchers, necessary to establish the claim of the Corporation on [81] the United

States Government for *for* monies expended during the late war with Great Britain. That after some discouragement and much delay, he has succeeded in obtaining a settlement of all the items in the account, hereunto annexed, except that for pay to the arbitrators, against the allowance of which, it appears, there is a positive rule of the Treasury Department. The total amount of the claims is Thirty seven thousand and forty seven dollars, which after deducting the Item of Eight hundred dollars alluded to, leaves the amount received by the General, and paid into the City Treasury at Thirty six thousand two hundred and forty seven dollars.

The Committee feel themselves bound to confess, that the exertions of General Morton have been more successful than they had reason to anticipate; for after the frequent unsuccessfull attempts which have been made by Committees of the Common Council duly authorised, and seconded by the influence and exertions of the members of Congress from this City, they had reason to fear, that the obstacles thrown in the way of a settlement could not be entirely removed; but the perfect knowledge which General Morton had of all the transactions of the period, enabling him to supply any deficiency in the testimony, by personally vouching for such of the items that could not be supported by written documents, removed every doubt on the minds of the Government and resulted in a final settlement as above stated.

The Committee conceive it to be due to General Morton, that he should not only receive the approbation of the Common Council for the services he has rendered, but that he should be remunerated in a more substantial manner, and they therefore respectfully [82] recommend that a Warrant pass in his favour for One thousand dollars, exclusive of his expences, and they offer the following resolutions accordingly.

Resolved, that a Warrant pass in favor of Jacob Morton for One thousand dollars as a remuneration for extra services rendered the Corporation.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for the amount of General Morton's bill for expences incurred in going and returning from Washington on public business.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
Sam[l] Tooker.
(Signed.) J. Hammond.
S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.

Statement of Claims &c

To Cash paid for damage to the Lands at Brooklyn and Harlaem as pr the awards	35.347.
To ditto as pr the receipts of the claimants	750.
To ditto for rent of ground occupied by Militia	150.
To ditto paid Arbitrators for their services	800.
	$37.047.
Deduct last Item rejected by Secretary of War	800.
Amount received and paid into the Treasury	$36.247.

Whereupon, the several resolutions proposed were adopted.

[83] The Market Committee on the petition of Abraham Passman for Stall No 10 Spring St Market, reported a resolution that said Stall be granted to him, which was adopted.

Alderman Allen submitted a resolution requesting the Committee on applications to the Legislature to enquire into the propriety of making application for laws on certain subjects, which resolution was referred to said Committee.

Alderman Allen presented the following. Resolved that the revised Ordinances as they pass into Laws be handed by the Clerk to the Corporation printer with instructions to print them in manner and form similar to the Edition now in use.

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to examine the proof sheets of said Ordinances as they shall be struck off, and to correct all errors of the press that may occur.

Which resolutions were adopted and it was ordered that One hundred and fifty copies of the laws should be printed.

Resolved, that the petitions for Inspectors of Firewood that are referred to the Committee on Applications, and not yet reported on, be transferred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

The Memorial and Bill relative to the establishment of a Court of Common Pleas in the City of New York, and for the appointment of a first Judge, which was presented on the 21st of February [84] last, and was laid for consideration, was now called and approved and the Counsel was requested to take measures to have the same laid before the Legislature at their approaching session.

On motion the Resolution for opening and extending White Street from Elm to Orange Street passed November 13th 1820. was reconsidered, and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Swa[r]twout presented the following resolution,

The Board of Common Council, feeling a lively interest in the success of the fine Arts, and understanding that the "Court of Death" now exhibiting at the Academy, from the pencil of Rembrant Peale, is an effort of uncommon genius, deserving the patronage of an enlightened public, Therefore, Resolved that this Board will visit the Academy for the said painting; and it be recommended to our fellow Citizens, generally, to embrace the present opportunity to improve their taste, and evince their liberality to a native Artist, by yielding to the exhibition a generous support, during its continuance in this City. Which was adopted.

The Board proceeded to take into consideration the laws and ordinances revised by the Counsel. The law for prevention of Fires was considered and passed, and One hundred copies were directed to be printed for the use of the Fire Wardens, and Foremen of Fire-Companies.

[85, 86, 87 blank.]

[88] In Common Council, January 8th 1821.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor Pres[id]ent.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman
John P. Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swa[r]twout.	Charles Town.
	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
	Gerard DePeyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board an Abstract of the Register of passengers reported in the Mayor's Office, which was directed to be filed, and the Mayor was requested to furnish a *a* copy of the same, together with the Register of the two past years, that the same might be printed for the use of the members of the Corporation.

A petition of William King lessee under the Corporation of Lot N° 265 William Street, praying for the reasons therein [89] stated, [to] be permitted to surrender his Lease of said lot, offering to give up to the Corporation a tenement he had erected on said lot, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Pool praying further time for payment of an Assessment for building the Sewer in Chapel Street &c was read, and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of Claudius G Fontaine praying to be relieved from a Judgment obtained against him, as one of the surities in a bond executed in 1816. to save the City harmless from certain Alien passengers, imported in the Schooner Lady Clare; Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of certain owners of Houses and Lots in Collect street praying that Bridges may be erected across the Canal was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A letter was received from Mr John Targee elected as an Arbitrator on the part of the Board in the case of John Anderson, stating that John Swartwout Esqr the Arbitrator chosen by Mr A[n]derson, and him could not agree, as to the question submitted to them, nor as to an Umpire between them.

A letter was also received from Mr Anderson, transmitting a letter from Mr Swartwout stating the same fact in relation to the disagreement between himself and Mr Targee: Whereupon, it was resolved [90] that the claims of Mr Anderson be referred to the former Committee on this subject to report the circumstances of the case, and their opinion thereon.

Committee. Aldn Board. Brittain, Emmons, Depeyster, (and) Tooker.

A request of Benjamin Smith to lease the house belonging to the Corporation at Brooklyn, lately occupied by J. R Bedell and to know the terms on which it would be leased, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Peter Thorp for an appointment under the Board, was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition of Messrs Hart and Belden, Lessees of the upper part of the Watch house in Eldridge Street, which they have used for a school room, praying a renewal of their lease, & in consequence of the depreciation of property that it might be leased to them for a less sum than that of the last year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Haviland Weeks for payment of a sum due to him on Contract for building a sewer in Collect street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the request.

A petition of Samuel White, holding Stall No 28. [91] Washington

Market, and George Ryerson holding N° 4 Fly market, to be permitted to exchange Stalls with each other. A petition of Daniel Spader for Stall N° 45 Washington Market, and a petition of John D Crawbuck for a stall in Washington Market were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of sundry Owners of Hackney Carriages, stating *the* [that] several persons, Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, Manhattan Ville, Brooklyn &c are in the habit of carrying persons for hire without taking out licence for the same, and praying an amendment to *to* the law to give them relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A petition of John Gregory Junior and Cornelius Fountaine was read stating that they were elected Firemen to Fire Engine Company N° 3, but upon the Foreman of said Company presenting the return to the Chief Engineer he declined returning them to the Board, as they wanted a few months of being twenty one years of age, and praying relief: Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the fire department.

A petition of Jacob Riviere praying appointment of Wood Inspector for White Hall and its vicinity, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Waters Furman and Charles Dobbs contractors for Street manure, praying in consequence of losses sustained as sta- [92] ted in their petition, that an abatement may be made on the sum to be paid by them on their Contract, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Henry Gilford, praying further time may be granted to him for payment of an assesment laid upon his house and lot in Harman Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants recommending that a law should be passed for the appointment of persons whose special duty it shall be to measure vegitables that are subject to be measured, and which are offered for Sale.

A petition was also received from Andrew Shonnard requesting the appointment of a measurer of vegitables: Whereupon the said Memorial and petition were refferred to the Market Committee.

An Invitation from Messrs J & N Haight to the Members of the Board, on Thursday next, to visit their manufactory for weaving of Ingrained Carpeting, was received and it was resolved that the Board will accept the said invitation.

A petition of Daniel M Cowdry for appointment of Clerk to the 4th and 6th Ward Justices Court was referred to the Committee on Applications.

[93] A petition of Owen Duffie for relief of fine under the law regulating Hackney Coaches, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial from the Humane Society, requesting some pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from George B Smith, Collector of arrearages of Taxes, stating that there are arrearages for the years 1811. 12. 13. and 14 due on certain Lots in the 10th Ward, owned by Morgan Lewis Esqr who declines payment of the same, on the principle that they are included in the square laid out for a Market place on the East River, and therefore not liable to Taxation, and praying the same may be referred to a Committee to instruct him thereon.

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from the City Sealer recommending certain amendments to the Law of the State, respecting the appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature.

A Letter was received from John Campbell, stating that on the account of his health he was under the necessity of leaving the City, and therefore begged leave to resign the appointment of Clerk of the 4th and 6th Ward Assistant Justice's Court: he stated he should continue to act until the 13th Instant, which would complete two months since the last quarter payment was made to him, and for which he requested a Warrant might pass. He tendered to the Board his ac-
[94] knowledgment for the confidence reposed in him by their appointment of him to the Office: Whereupon it was Resolved that his resignation be accepted, and that a Warrant issue for payment of two months Salary to him.

The Board proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr Campbell's resignation, when Ebenezer Burling was duly elected.

The following Firemen were appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company No° 9.

William H Valentine, Accountant No° 69 South Street 2nd Ward, Vice John Sutherland. Resigned.

No° 23.

Henry Moore, Carpenter, No° 43 Thames Street. 5th do Vice Samuel Collins. Expelled for improper conduct.

N° 11

Isaac Miller, Portrait painter, N° 18 Stone Street 1st Ward,
Vice. John Watts Resigned

Abraham Durkin, Hair-dresser, N° 4 Old Slip 1st do
Vice Samuel B Warner. Resigned.

N° 39.

Henry P. Ferris, Attorney at Law, N° 254 Broadway 3rd do
Vice. P. S. Roulet Resigned

The Comptroller presented a list of public property which in [95] his opinion might be disposed of this season, which was referred to the Finance Committee, with the exception of the Street manure. On that subject Alderman Allen presented the following. Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to give public notice in the papers employed by this Board, that sealed proposals will be received at his Office 'till the 22nd Instant for a contract for the Street manure for one year from the 1st day of February next subject to the Ordinance of the Corporation on that subject, and that each proposal must designate the persons intended to be given as sureties.

Which resolution was adopted.

The City Inspector presented the Annual report of Deaths and Interments in the City during the past year, which was ordered to be filed, and the usual number of copies were directed to be printed

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board a Statement of the deaths in the City and County of New York for the year 1820. amounting to Three thousand five hundred and fifteen, being an exceeding of Three hundred and twenty nine over the preceeding year.

For the first six months of the year the *the* City was very healthy, so much so that the deaths during that time, were fewer than in the same months of the former year. In July, however, diseases of a more serious *charious* character considerably increased, and continued through the succeeding months, during which period, the complaints of children that ended fatally, were above sixty more than in the corresponding months of 1819.

In August also, fevers became prevalent, particularly in Bancker Street and its neighbourhood, and confined their ravages, chiefly to the people of colour, as the following statement will shew: of Two hundred and [96] ninety nine deaths of fevers throughout the City, during the last six months, one hundred and thirty eight were of those people: although it is presumed they were not a twentieth part of the population of the city at large: and of this one hundred and thirty

eight so stated, one half were reported from Bancker Street and its vicinity.

It will doubtless be felt as a happy and providential cause of congratulation to our fellow citizens, that amongst the visitations of the past year, we had not to experience the alarming apprehensions of malignant disease; and that while other cities were unhappily afflicted with its scourge, Providence had kindly protected us from an evil of so much magnitude.

(Signed.) George Cuming, City Inspector

Abstract

of Reports of Interments in the City and County of New York for the year 1820.

Men	947.	
Women	784.	
Boys	979.	
Girls	805	
Total Interments		3.515

Ages.

Of the age of one year and under	867.	
Between one and two	361.	
ditto two and five	254.	
ditto five and ten	125.	
ditto ten and twenty	176	
[97] ditto twenty and thirty	418	
do thirty and forty	409	
do forty and fifty	359	
do fifty and sixty	224	
do sixty and seventy	156	
do seventy and eighty	101	
do eighty and ninety	46	
do ninety and One hundred	17	
100 and upwards	2	
Total		3.515

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully presents the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz.

No 1. George Bruce Owner,	Broad and	Canal Street	A Lot
2. John Beekman Agent.	Greenwich	do	do

3.	Dd L Haight	Owner,			Stanton Street		A Lot
4.	J. Inglesby	do	A Rogers	Occupt	36 Pike	do	do
5.	Dk Lynch	do	Hy Lynch	Agt	Rhynders	do	do
6.	T. Moore	do	S. Stanner,	Occupt	23 Chatham	do	A privy
7.	J. Janeway	do	A Baldwin & Bishop, Occupants	Lessee,	J Bush, & Eaton (No 106. Catha[r]ine St.)		do
8.	Roger Strong	Agent			Green Street		A Lot
9.	J. Mills,	Lessee	and	Occupant	185 Washington St		A privy
10.	S. Ruckel	Owner,	F. Fayard	Occupt	21 Pike	do	do
[98]11	Mrs McHalley,	do	and	Occupant,	No 23 Pike Street		do
12.	Wm Dignam	do	J Wright	do	27	ditto	do
13.	J. Inglesby	do	M Dibbits	do	38	"	do
14.	A Surret	do	and	do	40	"	do
15.	P. Heydon	do	"	do	42	"	do
16.	do	do	J Cornish	do	44	"	do
17.	do	do	G Coleman	do	46	"	do
18.	do	do	Wm Knight	do	42½	"	do
19.	do	do	Js Clinton	do	"	"	do
20.	do	do	Wm Tinkler	do	"	"	do
21.	R Burnside	do	and	do	35	"	do
22.	R T Philips	do	"	do	156	Banker	do
23.	Z. Gooldsmith	do	J Mullener	do	184	ditto	do
24.	N. McGaviston	do	Regan & Burns	do	162	"	do
25.	Wm Dignam	do	D. Mills	do	146	"	do
26.	Mrs O Ledwith	lessee,	and	do	144	"	do
27.	A. McKelly	do	"	do	138	"	do
28.	J. Brader	do	N Shields	do	130	"	do
29.	Arthur McNickels	do	and	do	128	"	do
30.	ditto	do	"	do	126	"	do
31.	ditto	do	C Royal	do	124	"	do
32.	ditto	do	ditto	do	"	"	do
33.	James Derry	do	and	do	98	"	do
34.	Jas *Managhan* [Megonegal]	do		do	96	"	do
35.	A Dunlap	Owner	C O'Connor & R Harris	do	88	"	do
36.	ditto	do	J McGinn	do	86	"	do
37.	P. Cahill	Lessee	and	do	80	"	do
[99]38.	J. Brown	Lessee	J. Jacobs	do	74	do	do
39.	ditto		S. Davis	do	72	do	do
40.	Wm McLaughlin,	Owner,	P McKernon	do	94	do	do
41.	J. P. Clement	Lessee	and	do	70	do	do
42.	J. Newton	do		do	68	do	do
43.	T. W. Marshall	do	Owen Kelly	do	62	do	do
44.	ditto	do	Wm Doyl	do	60	do	do

45. Mrs O Ledwith	Lessee	S. Johnson	Occupant.	1	Nelsons alley	A privy
46. Mrs J. Daley	do	and	do	3	do	do
47. M. Field	Owner	J. Stewart	do	48	Rutgers St	do
48. J. Mapes	do	M King	do	56	do	do
49. ditto	do	E Hadden	do	58	do	do
50. P. Waterbury	do	and	do	135	Lombardy	do
51. D. Weed	do	J. Jarvis	do	133	do	do
52. Wm B. Crosby	Executor	R Kewen	do	129	do	do
53. ditto	do	G. Taff	do	127	do	do
54. J Rikeman	Owner	and	do	125	do	do
55. Wm B Crosby	Executor	G Norton	do	123	do	do
56. Chs Brown	Owner	and	do	119	do	do
57. ditto	do	J. Thompson	do	117	do	do
58. G Abeel	do	Wm Rodman	do	115	do	do
59. R. Palmer	do	D. Baley	do	95	do	do
60. B. Young	do	and	do	93	do	do
61. R Phillips	do	J. C Harris	do	91	do	do
62. J. Hammond	do	Z. Waterbury	do	75	do	do
63. W. Hicks	do	W. Waterbury	do	73	do	do
64. A Cuscader	do	and	do	39	do	do
65.[100] Wm Hardenbrook,	do	Anderson	do	37	do	do
66. J. K Beekman	do	J McLaughlin	do	" 29	do	do
67. A Dunlap	do	O. McCabe	do	" 27	do	do
68. J. Rooney	do	Mrs Hall	do	" 25	do	do
69. W Hamilton & J Latham	do	and	do	" 23	do	do
70. do do	do	"	do	" 23	do	do
71. J Reese	do	"	do	" 25	do	do
72. G. Downing	do	"		19	do	do
73. James Wallace	do	"	do	15	do	do
74. Josh Titus	do	"	do	11	do	do
75. J. Marsh	do	P. Slowery	do	1	do	do
76. ditto	do	M Corbitt	do	63	Chatham	do
77. ditto	do	P. McGarregen	do	61	do	do
78. P. Weeden	Lessee	M King	do	43	Market	do
79. Sl Germond	Owner	and	do	188	Bancker	a Lot
80. W Hicks	do	J. Johnson	do	180	do	do
81. ditto	do	B Dayton	do	178	do	do
82. ditto	do	J Wilder	do	176	do	do
83. Wm Dignam	do	and	do	158	do	do
84. Wm Reed	do	D Harrier	do	90	do	do

(signed.) George Cuming,
City Inspector

An Account was presented from the New York Hospital for the Support of Maniacs &c therein, sent from the Alms House from 1st July to 31st December inclusive, being 15 in number of whom 13 now remain. Whereupon the same was referred to the [101] Finance Committee with authority to direct a Warrant to be reported therefor if found correct.

The Counsel presented the Memorial to the Legislature, on the subject of establishing a Court of Common Pleas, and for the appointment of a first Judge amended to conform to the Bill which was agreed to at the last meeting, which was directed to be duly authenticated, and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

He also agreeably to order presented a Memorial to the Legislature and corresponding Bill respecting swine which was in the words following,

A Law Respecting Swine.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, or the major part of them to make and establish from time to time such laws and ordinances as they may deem necessary for the purpose of preventing swine from running at large in any of the Streets, alleys, lanes and public places in the said City, and for forfeiting all swine which shall be found running at large in said City, for such uses and purposes, as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened may direct.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That in order to put an effectual Stop to the running at large of Swine in the City of New York, it [102] is necessary that your Memorialists should be invested with further powers than they at present possess. That the law which authorises towns to establish such rules and regulations as they may deem meet for the restraining Cattle from running at large does not apply to the City of New York. And as their Charter does not authorise the enforcement of its laws otherwise than by imposing penalties upon offenders, and as it is impossible, in most cases to ascertain the owners of swine running at large *of swine* in said City: the laws which your Memoralists have passed from time

to time upon the subject have proved entirely inadequate for the correction of the evil.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honorable body will be pleased to pass a Law, authorising your Memoralists to provide for the forfeiting of all swine which shall be found running at large in said City.

Respectfully submitted.

The question being taken on approving of the same it was carried in the affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Hammond, all the members present voted in the affirmative, excepting Mr Hammond who voted in the negative.

He also presented a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature praying an alteration in the Act relative to the Alms House and Bridewell so the Superintendent of the same may hold his office at the pleasure of the Common Council, and not for the period of Seven years as at present enacted, which approved, and the said Memorials were directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

[103] The Street Committee presented an Ordinance for paving the side walks in Oliver Street, between Chatham Square and Bancker Street which was passed, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and John Bedient were appointed Assessors therein.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on sundry Assessments: Whereupon it was resolved that he proceed to advertise and sell the Lots up[on] which the assessments are laid agreeably to the Act in such case made and provided.

He also stated that the report of the Commissioners of estimate for opening Mercer Street was confirmed, and he recommen[d]ed that three houses in said Street may be removed, in order that the Street may be regulated. Which was approved, and he was directed to proceed to sell the said Houses.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed. viz. for paving the Intersection of Broad-Way and Canal street and Canal street to Church street—and Noah Jarvis was appointed the Collector—Also a well and pump in first street near first Avenue, and for regulating and curbing part of first street from the Bowery to first Avenue and part of second Avenue, from North Street to first Avenue and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Elizabeth Krapff reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition

of Elizabeth Krapff stating that she had be[en] called on to pay One hundred dollars as an assessment on her property, consisting of five lots [104] of ground for building a Sewer in Clarkson and Carmine Streets and Sixth Avenue, and complains of the many hardships and embarassments under which she labours, in consequence of the Ordinance directing the opening of said Avenue, by which the greater part of said Lots, together with the improvements thereon, will be taken away, but as there is no definite time fixed for said purpose, nor any assessment made of the value of the property to be taken she is thereby deprived of the ability of selling, leasing, loaning money thereon to pay the assessment, or disposing of the same in any manner whatever. she is rendered not only incapable of paying the Assessment but also of procuring out of said property the common necessaries of life, and that the property in question is now her sole and only reliance for support. She therefore prays that the payment of said Assessment be suspended untill the opening of said Avenue, or some final disposition is made of her property.

Report, that on an examination, they find the case to be as is set forth in the petition, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted, And respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector be instructed to suspend, until the further Order of the Board, the collection of the Assessments laid on five Lots of ground belonging to Elizabeth Krapff, assessed for building a sewer in Clarkson and Carmine Streets and Sixth avenue.

Charles Town Ch[n]
Tho[s] S Townsend.
(signed.) Tho[s] Bolton.
John P Anthony.
Robert Swartwout

[105] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications on the petition of Ahasuerus Turk for the appointment of City weigher reported in his favor, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Street Committee on the petition of Robert M Livingston reported,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert M Livingston stating that a suit had been commenced against him by the City Inspector for non-compliance with an Ordinance of this Board, and praying the same may be discontinued. Report,

That it appears by the statement of your petitioner, which your Committee think entitled to credit, that not only the Lot ordinanced, but many others adjacent were contracted by him to be filled in previous to the date of the Ordinance under which he is prosecuted.

That the time allowed for completing the same was inadequate, that he has used all due diligence in completing the job, and that the whole will be finished by the first day of March next.

Wherefore resolved, that the Attorney of this Board be instructed to discontinue the suit against Robert M Livingston by his paying costs.

Robert Swartwout.
Asa Mann.
(signed.) Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[106] The same Committee on the petition for opening White Street reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of Common Council of the 13th November last, relating to the opening and extending of White Street, from Elm to Orange Street

Report, that White Street from Elm to Collect Street being already a ceded Street, requiring only a Resolution of this Board to open it, It will be necessary to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to open White St from Collect to Orange Street only.

Wherefore, Resolved, that His Honor the Mayor, be authorised, during the recess of this Board to affix his signature, and the seal of the Mayoralty to such application.

Robt Swartwout.
Asa Mann,
S. P. Brittain.
Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted, and the Counsel was directed to take legal measures agreeably thereto.

The same Committee on the petition of the Inspectors of Manure reported,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Inspectors of Manure, praying that the Ordinance relating to that

subject may be so amended, that the seller of Manure may be held accountable for all the fees of Inspection. Report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the [107] prayer of the petitioners in that respect, is reasonable and ought to be granted. Wherefore, Resolved, that the third Section of the Ordinance regulating the sale, and Inspection of Manure, be so amended as to make the seller of Manure accountable to the Inspectors for the whole Inspection fees; And that so much of the 4th Section of the Said Ordinance, as makes the purchaser thus accountable, be repealed.

(Signed.) Robt Swartwout.
S. P. Brittain.
Asa. Mann.
Isaac Emmons.
Shivers Parker.

Whereupon, the Law relative to the Inspection of Manure was reconsidered, and amended agreeably to said report.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Communication of Messrs John and Nicholas Haight, reported,

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Communication of Messrs John and Nicholas Haight of this City, asking the Board to inspect the first piece of Ingrained carpeting manufactured by them in this City, and which they believe to be the first perfectly made in the United States, beg leave to report.

That they have minutely examined said piece of carpeting, and feel pleasure in pronouncing it, in their opinion, equal if not superior in every respect to the best English Ingrained Carpeting, and that it is in fact a perfect imitation of that article in its best state. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution. Resolved,

that this Board view with pride and satisfaction this specimen of [108] the Arts, and of the ingenuity and perseverance of our Countrymen in bringing this important branch of Manufactures to perfection in this Country, and they cordially unite in recommending the Messrs Haights to that patronage and remuneration to which their enterprize and industry so eminently entitle them.

(Signed.) Samuel Tooker,
Isaac Emmons.

Which was unanimously approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the communication of John Randall Junior reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from John Randall Junior stating that the surveys and Maps of this Island and its opposite shore which he covenanted to perform are now completed, and requesting that a Committee may be appointed to examine and audit his accounts (may be appointed). Report.

That the 1st charge of Mr Randall is dated the 30th of September 1811. and is predicated on a Contract dated the 31st of December 1810. for measuring the Avenues and roads and width of the Island at three several places, and amounts to.....	1.654.32
That the Second charge is dated the 9th of Novemr 1812. and is for measuring lines across the Island at 23 Several places, and continuing the measurement of the Avenues and Roads, agreeably to the aforesaid contract, and a Resolution passed the 9th of Novemr 1812 and amounts to.....	13.696.36
That the third charge is for Sundries performed be[109]tween 1813. and 1817. Placing the monumental Stones, measuring the distance of every building from the nearest Avenue and monumental &c &c agreeably to the contract of 1810. and a resolution passed the 27th of June 1814. and on the 5th of May 1817. amounting to the sum of	10.511.30
That the fourth charge is *stated* [dated] 1817. and is for taking the elevation of all the monuments on five of the avenues, as recommen[d]ed by a report of the 12th August 1817. amounting to.....	2.500.
That the fifth charge is making an Atlas of 92 Maps, comprising that part of the Island, North of North Street, and Greenwich Lane, and a Map of the whole City, including the opposite shores, agreeably to a contract dated the 2nd February 1818. Amount....	3.300.
That the sixth charge is for measuring the boundary lines of the Farms and Lots, and also of the public roads in that part of the City North of North Street, amounting to.....	775.
That the last charge is for binding Maps &c.....	48.
Amounting in the whole to the sum of.....	$32.484.98
Of which sum there has been paid Mr Randall.....	30.474.21
leaving a Balance of.....	$2.010.77

The Committee in examining the foregoing charges. have had the assistance of the Comptroller, and Deputy Street Commissioner, who have compared them with the Contracts and minutes of the Common Council and they were found to correspond, and the Balance as above stated to be due Mr Randall.

[110] The Committee have heretofore expressed a favorable opinion as to the merits of this work, and that the Board may judge for themselves they have dire[c]ted the Atlas and Map of the Island and opposite shores to be laid before them for examination and they beg leave to propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant pass in favor of John Randall Junior for Two thousand and ten dollars and 77 Cents.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen.
(signed.) Sam[l] Tooker.
S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.

Which was approved the resolution adopted, and a Warrant ordered to pass accordingly.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature presented the following report.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the consideration of the Subjects herein mentioned beg leave to report, That the expences of the Court of Sessions are very great, upwards of twelve thousand dollars having been already paid out of the Treasury for about fourteen months, and after due consideration they have agreed to recommend the following Resolution, That the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draft of a law authorising the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to pay the District Attorney a Salary of three thousand dollars a year, and the Clerk of the Sessions a Salary [111] of two thousand dollars a year in lieu of all other demands on the Public Treasury, and that all fines and forfeitures shall be collected by the Sheriff and paid to the City Chamberlain for the use of the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty without making any charge on them therefor, and that the pay of the Constables and Marshals legally attending any of the Courts shall be one dollar and twenty five cents p[r] day.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draft of a Law to repeal the first and second sections of the Act entitled "an Act to require Overseers of the poor to sue for penalties incurred under certain penal statutes passed February 18[th] 1820, so far as the same relates to the City and County of New York, and also to authorise the Excise Commissioner to prosecute for penalties in the Court of Common Pleas of the said City, or in the Supreme Court, with a proviso that the prevailing party shall be entitled to Common Pleas costs and no more.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Draft of a Law, whereby it shall not be lawful for the Coroner to hold any Inquest, or view on the body of any deceased Convict in the Penitentiary or Bridewell, unless upon the request of the Commissioners of one

of them, and making it the duty of the said Commissioners, & every of them to call the Coroner in all cases of death by casualty.

And also the draft of a Law authorising the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty to fix the Salary of the Assistant Justices in the four Districts of the City of New-York at the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars each per Annum.

And also the draft of a Law to authorise the said Mayor [112] Aldermen and Commonalty in cases where any Lands and Tenements owned by more than one person is or are assessed as the property of an Individual to apportion the amount on the property thus assessed in a just and equitable ratio. And also to sell such part of any land or tenements assessed for such time as will be sufficient to discharge the Lien for taxes or Assessments on the whole.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) J. Hammond.
Stephen Allen.
Thomas Bolton.
John P Anthony.

Which Report was approved and the Counsel was directed to prepare the necessary Memorials and Bills.

On Motion of Alderman Mann the following addition was made to the 19th Rule of the standing Rules of the Board " And that no person be appointed to Office unless by a Majority of votes taken.

On Motion of Mr Brittain the following Resolution was adopted. Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to appoint so many prudent and discreet men as he may deem expedient to serve as Marshals to carry into effect the provisions of the Law for the due observance of the first day of the week called Sunday. Provided no other compensation shall be allowed such Marshals except what shall be derived from the fines and penalties imposed by said Law.

[113] The Board proceeded in the consideration of the Laws revised by the Counsel, when the Law respecting the City Inspector, and respecting the City Watch were approved. The Law respecting Hackney Carriages was laid for further consideration.

[114, 115, blank.]

[116] In Common Council. January 22nd 1821.

Present. The Honl Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Abraham Valentine
Thomas S Townsend.	Benjamin Crane
Leonard Kip	Charles Town
John P Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
Robert Swartwout	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen.	Stephen P Brittain
Asa Mann.	Isaac Emmons
David Board	Gerard Depeyster
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Board that conceiving it would be useful at the present inclement Season to be informed of the quantity of Fuel with which the City was at present supplied he had directed the Assistants to the Board of Health to make enquiry on that subject and to report the same to him, that they had taken considerable pains to gain the necessary information and had reported the same to him, which report he presented, and it was directed to be filed with the Clerk of the Common Council for the information of the Members of the Board. The Mayor also [117] presented a communication he had received from the North River Steam Boat Company informing that they had in their Wood yard, five hundred Loads of dried Pine wood, which in the present distress of the poor for fuel they would place at the disposal of the Corporation to be returned to them when requested in the Spring. Whereupon it was resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to inform the Steam Boat Company that the Board duly appreciate their public spirited and liberal offer, and that in the event of its being necessary the Corporation will avail themselves of their offer.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Calendar returned by the keeper of the City prison and Bridewell of the persons confined therein on the 15th Instant, which was directed to be filed.

The Mayor als[o] agreeably to the request of the Board presented an Abstract of the passengers who had been reported in the years 1818. and 1819. with observations thereon which was directed to be filed, and to be printed for the use of the members of the Board.

A petition of Henry Cockran for payment of Balance due him for regulating and paving Rynder's Street was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to direct the payment if found correct.

A petition of Henry Van Solingen and others to be permitted to commute for the Quit rent reserved on the Water Lots on the Hudson River fronting on Cortlandt and West Streets granted to Jacob Wilkins which was referred to the Finance Committee.

[118] A petition of Jane White for further time for payment of an Assessment on her for opening Washington Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the request.

A petition of James Hudson Master of British Brig Doris, bound from Liverpool to Philadelphia, but compelled to put into this port in distress, praying that costs paid by him to the Attorney of the Corporation for not reporting his passengers, with which law he was unacquainted, might be returned to him, was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A letter was received from Isaac Chauncey Esq^{r} stating that in the summer of 1818 be agreed to sell to the Corporation a piece of ground at Hell-Gate, which was necessary for the Corporation-Ferry at that place, and requesting payment therefor, was read and referred to the Ferry-Committee with authority to make a settlement with Commodore Chauncey respecting the said Sale,

A petition of William Church, requesting payment of a balance due to him on his Contract for regulating Clarkson and Carmine Streets, and the Sixth Avenue, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition Was received from John Hunter stating [119] that he is an Inhabitant of West Chester County, that he brought with him for Sale a few quarters of Mutton which he disposed of from his waggon in the Bowery—that he has been prosecuted and compelled to pay a fine therefor, and praying relief: Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be returned to him, and also such costs as may have been paid by him.

A petition from Henry Hopper and others for Lamps in Broome Street, and also a petition from William Hunter and others that Lamps may be placed in Grand Street between Arundel Street and the East river, were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A petition of Daniel Boardman praying relief for an undue Assessment for personal Estate by the Assessors of the 3rd Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Peter N Utt praying remuneration for improvements made by him in the Centre building of Washington market occupied by him, was referred to the Committee on repairs.

A petition of Owen Geary for Stall N° 18 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A further petition of Samuel Birch for relief from assessment for paving Intersection of Collect and Leonard Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from Sundry Owners and Commanders of [120] coasting Vessels frequenting the public docks and slips praying the repeal of the Law fixing the rates of Wharfage for Vessels lying in said public docks and slips was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A petition of the French Benevolent Society, for some pecuniary aid, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Samuel Bleecker Junior, for appointment as Measurer, was referred to the Committee on applications.

A petition from sundry Owners of property at and adjacent to the Coffee house slip complaining of the injury to their property by the holding of Public Auctions in the Street at said place, and praying the repeal of the Law authorising Sales at Auction at said place, was referred to the Street Committee.

A communication was received from the Society for the prevention of pauperism, transmitting to the Corporation the draft of a Bill intended to be presented by them to the Legislature to be enacted into a law relative to the granting of licences to retail Spirituous liquors in the City of New York, and requesting the concurrence of the said Board in procuring the passage of said Bill, was referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature.

A petition of Edward P Livingston, complaining of an assessment of personal property on him in the first Ward of this City, [121] he being a resident of Columbia County, and having [been] assessed for and paid his personal tax in said County was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

An account of George B. Raymond, Thomas Cornell and Francis Tillou (Marshals) peace officers for the service of Sessions from August Term 1820. to February Term 1821. amounting to $\$408.^{87\frac{1}{2}}/_{100}$ was referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Helen Taylor, widow of Jeremiah Taylor, a Fireman, who lost his life at the fire in Fair Street in 1813, praying some pecuniary relief, was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Silas Barmon for appointment as Superintendent of the Mud Machine, accompanied by a representation of *of* a number of persons of the incapacity of the Superintendent at present employed,

and recommending said Barmon to the appointment were read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

An Account of Benjamin Prince Public Administrator up to the 1st January 1821. was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Account Current of Judah Hammond late public Administrator was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Sundry Merchants praying that the 18th Section of the act to prevent Infectious diseases may be so amended as to permit [122] foreign or other Cotton to be transported during the sickly season in Vessels through the East or North river for the purpose of supplying man[ufac]turers in the Country, was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The following Firemen were appointed, The Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company No 3.

John Gregory Junr Accountant, No 90 James' Street 7th Ward Vice Christian Brown. Served his time out.

Cornelius Fountain, Accountant, No 6 South St 1st do Benjamin Gallope Resigned.

No 11.

Daniel Dey, Sail Maker, No 10 Moore Street. 1st do Vice Joseph Swain. Resigned.

Thomas W. Slover, Accountant. No 5 South Street. 1st do Vice. Wm W. Lowerre Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. viz. for Well and Pump in Walker Street near Cortlandt Alley—for regulating and paving Grand Street, from Arundel St to the East River, and for regulating and paving Oliver Street from Banker Street to Chatham Square.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed

[123] The City Inspector respectfully presents the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances. viz.

No 1	Wm B. Crosby Executor.	E. Place	Occupt	No 31	Cheapside St	a privy
2	Isabella Dugan Owner	and	do	43	do	do
3	Charles Austin	do "	do	46	Pike	do
4	do do	do C Ostrander	do	48	do	do
5	Thomas Sharpe	do and	do	52	do	do

6	Miss Halsey	Owner	P. Halsey Agt		25	Catharine	a privy
			W. C Thomas	Occupt			
7	A Martin	do	J Lewis	do	27	do	do
8	John Brewer	Lessee	and	do	33	do	do
9	do do	do	J. Bennet	do	33½	do	do
10	J. M*cIllen* [Ardle]	do	and	do	35	do	do
11	Samuel Marvin	Owner	Mr Vn Voorhis	do	43	do	do
12	Wm P Brady	do	and	do	69	do	do
13	Benjamin Pell	do	B. McMahon	do	2	Pelham	do
14	do do	do	J Hand	do	3	do	do
15	do do	do	C Colles	do	4	do	do
16	do do	do	E. Higgins	do	5	do	do
17	do do	do	J. Lovell	do	8	do	do
18	do do	do	Wm Seymour	do	9	do	do
19	do do	do	Js Tompkins	do	10	do	do
20	Samuel Ackerly	do	and	do	133	Cherry	do
21	J. Van Sicklen	do	Js Ackerman	do	167	do	do
22	do do	do	Sl Clark	do	169	do	do
23	G Buckmaster	Lessee	M Isaacs	do	183	do	do
24	Mrs A Coster	Owner	and	do	235	do	do
25	E. Allen	do	"	do	241	do	do
26	[124] Dr Sl Ackerly	do	Richd Manel	do	227	do	do
27	George Armstrong	do	and	do	259	do	do
28	C. Bennet	do	"	do	64	Rutgers	do
29	Mrs Bennis	do	Mrs Harris	do	51	Market	do
30	Mary Curren	do	and	do	53	do	do
31	J Merchant	do	"	do	55	do	do
32	N Ward	do	T Lyon	do	18	Lombardy	do
33	A Buddington	do	and	do	20	do	do
34	Berham	do	S Daily	do	34	do	do
35	J Benham	do	and	do	44	do	do
36	Mrs Bennis	do	J. Fowler	do	48	do	do
37	A Clason	Agent	W R Barnes	do	98	do	do
38	Dr Saml Ackerly	Owner	Js Mitchill	do	130	do	do
39	do do	do	E Beekman	do	132	do	do
40	Brown	do	C Sebring	do	134	do	do
41	P. Wilson	do	Js Clark	do	136	do	do
42	do do	do	Mrs Thomas	do	136½	do	do
43	G Smith	do	S. M Bartlett	do	78	Bowery	do
44	Kelly and Smith	Lessees	P. Gray	do	56		
45	Hicks and Titus	Owners	J. Smith	do	12	Catharine	do
46	J. Vanderpool	do	and	do	14	do	do
47	do do	do	H Wade	do	14½	do	do

48 A Matthews	Lessee	and	Occupt	16	Catharine	a privy
49 D. Stibbins	Agent	J. Williams	do	30	do	do
50 Kelly and Walsh	Lessees	and	do	38	do	do
51 Z Mead	Owner	H Mc Donald	do	78	do	do
52[125] J. Donaldson	do	H McDougall	do	78	do	do
53 J. Drake	do	J Robinson	do	94 & 96	do	do
54 S. Mollan	Executor	M McGowan	do	13	Mott	do
55 Mrs Daily	Owner	Thomas Blackburn and James Jenkins	Occupants	6	Lombardy	a Lot
56 J. Beekman	Agent	to J Beekman	Owner		Greenwich	do

(Signed.) George Cuming,
City Inspector.

The Comptroller presented a communication suggesting the propriety of placing the repairs of the Public Lamps under the direction of the Lamp Committee, which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller presented a statement of the account of Jacob P Roome Superintendent of Repairs for 14th July 1820. to 5th January 1821. by which it appeared he had received $6.922.13 and had paid agreeably to Vouchers $7.496. 5 leaving a balance of $573.92. which was dire[c]ted to be filed.

The Market Committee on the petition of Bethuel Howard for Stall N° 46 Catharine market reported,

The Market Committee to whom the petition of Bethuel Howard was referred, praying for to be licenced for Stall N° 46 Catharine Market, at present held by Adam Dobbs who is willing to give up his licence to said Bethuel Howard, [126] Beg leave to offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harmanus Tallman.
Charles Town.
(Signed.) Saml Tooker
Stephen Allen
Leonard Kip.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Daniel Spader for Stall N° 45 Washington Market reported,

The Market Committee to whom the petition of Daniel Spader was referred, praying for to be licenced for Stall No. 45 Washington Market, at present held by William Hopkins who is willing to give

up his licence to said Daniel Spader, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harmanus Tallman.
Charles Town.
(Signed.) Sam[l] Tooker.
Stephen Allen.
Leonard Kip.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Samuel White and George Ryerson to be permitted to exchange Stalls N° 28 Washington Market and N° 4 Fly Market with each other reported

[127] The Market Committee to whom the petition of Samuel White, at present occupant of Stall N° 28 Washington Market and George Ryerson, occupant of Stall N° 4 Fly Market, was referred, praying for permission to exchange Stalls. Your Committee are of opinion that the exchange ought to be granted, therefore, they beg leave to offer the following resolutions,

Resolved, that Samuel White be licenced for Stall N° 4 Fly-Market.

Resolved, that George Rierson be licenced for Stall N° 28 Washington Market.

Harmanus Tallman.
Charles Town.
(Signed.) Sam[l] Tooker.
Stephen Allen.
Leonard Kip.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the petition of John Anderson Reported.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Anderson praying to be compensated for the extra expences of building two extra Blocks in a wharf constructed by him at the foot of Vesey Street, in the summer of 1819 pray leave to report.

That the Committee have made a full and minute investigation of this subject, having heard the allegations of the petitioner and also of the Street Commissioner, together with all the testimony that could be obtained, both for and against the claims of the *pe-* [128] petitioner, and submit the following facts as the result of their enquiries.

That in the Summer of 1819. the petitioner contracted with this

Corporation to build a certain wharf or pier of specified dimensions at the foot of Vesey Street, under such directions as should from time to time be given him by said Corporation, or their Agents.

That in the progress of said work an accident occurred in one of the Blocks partially capsising. That Mr Anderson had previously predicated this very event, as the inevitable consequence of laying the floor of said Block but 12 feet from the bottom as directed by the Street Commissioner, while the petitioner contended it ought to be laid 16 feet (from the bottom) high, as the mud was from 25 to 27. feet deep; that the petitioner remonstrated at the time against this mode of procedure, but was over-ruled by the *the* Street Commissioner, to which circumstance alone, the petitioner attributes the misfortune.

That he then applied to the Corporation for direction, how to remedy the accident, and was referred to the then Committee on Wharves, piers and slips, and was by them instructed to build two extra Blocks as the only certain remedy for the evil, and was at same time told that the extra expences must be a subject of future consideration. That the petitioner then built the two extra blocks in question, at the expence of about 1700 dollars, for which he now claims remuneration. It has also been shewn to the Committee that, independent of the accident above named, the petitioner has had a losing bargain in said Contract, and also in having suffered in reputation, and, in almost total loss of employ since that period, all of which [129] he considers as growing out of the erroneous directions first given him by the Street Commissioner, and which he considered himself bound by his contract to obey. The Committee have taken great pains to ascertain the true cause of the misfortune, and have had the opinion of several dock builders who all (with one exception) concur in opinion that the floors should have been laid 16 to 18. feet high, which precaution they believe would have prevented the accident of capsising.

The Committee therefore, without expressing an opinion on their part of the subject, and without going into a more detailed account of the testimony, or expressing an opinion of the legality of the petitioner's claim, are of opinion under all circumstances of the case, that he ought to receive some remuneration for the losses which he has sustained in this unfortunate concern, but as the wharf has since considerably settled and will require an expence of 3 or 400 dollars to put it in complete order, it is recommended that 400 Dollars of whatever sum, may be agreed on to pay Mr Anderson, be retained 'till

the wharf is finished. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that a Warrant issue in favor of John Anderson for Seven hundred dollars, and that a further sum of four hundred dollars be paid him on the completion of the said Wharf to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioner, as a full compensation for his claims against this Corporation.

David Board.
(Signed.) Saml Tooker,
Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain.

[130] The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative. The Ayes and Noes being required by Alderman Mann were as follows.

Ayes Aldermen. Tooker, Townsend, Kip. Swartwout, Board, Messrs Valentine, Tallman, Brittain, Emmons. Hammond. 12.

Noes. Aldn Anthony, McQueen, Mann, Allen. Messrs Crane, Town, Parker, DePeyster. 8.

The Committee on Laws to whom had been referred a Resolution passed on the 30th of October last directing them to enquire as to the authority of the Corporation to lay a duty on Merchandize sold on Commission by Non-residents, reported,

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the within subject, Report that they have duly considered the same, and are of opinion that the Common Council do not possess the power within mentioned.

(Signed.) J. Hammond.
Thos S Townsend.

Which Report was ordered to be filed.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Humane Society reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Humane Society requesting a donation in aid of that Institution, Report, That the donation usually bestowed by the Corporation in aid of the Society alluded to is believed to be three hun- [131] dred dollars per annum. That the Committee have been informed that the funds of the society, have fallen short of its usual amount, in consequence of the pressure of the times, while the calls on them for relief are more numerous than usual. The Committee have pretty generally been opposed to the policy of permitting the public charities to be distributed in any other way, except thro' the Commissioners of the Alms House; but in the present instance, they have been induced

to yield to the arguments of the petitioners, that in proportion as they are enabled to continue the distributions of their Institution, the calls will be lessened on the Commissioners. The Committee therefore propose the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant for Three hundred dollars in favor of the Humane Society, as a donation from the Corporation to that Institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(Signed.) S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, the resolution adopted, and the Warrant directed to be reported accordingly.

The same Committee on the petition of Hart and Belden reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hart and Belden Teachers, praying for a Lease of the Room over the Watch House in Eldridge Street, on terms corresponding with the [132] depression of the times, Report,

That the rent now paid by the petitioners is One hundred and seventy five dollars per Annum, and as a reduction of Rent, since the commencement of their lease, is a matter of notoriety throughout this City, the Committee consider the request of the petition reasonable, and that a less sum ought to be demanded for the premises alluded to than heretofore, and they therefore propose the following resolution, Resolved,

That *that* the School room, over the Watch House in Eldridge Street be leased to Hart and Belden for a term of three years from the first day of May next, and at a rent of One hundred and Sixty dollars per Annum, payable quarterly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(signed.) S. P. Brittain.
B. Crane.
J Hammond.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee presented a Report detailing at considerable

length the Fiscal concerns of the Corporation, which was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred a communication from the City Sealer, presented [133] the following Report which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on applications to whom was referred the annexed communication from the City Sealer, respectfully report that there is undoubtedly some degree of collision between the State and City Sealers, and difficulty in regulating the subject so as to produce that co-operation and harmony which ought always to exist between the different officers of the government: Your Committee have therefore concluded to recommend an application to the Legislature for the passage of a Law, whereby the Office of State Sealer in the City of New York, shall be abolished, and the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City be authorised to make By Laws to regulate the subject of Beams, scales and weights in the said City, as well on board of Boats and Vessels as elsewhere in the said City. Provided such By Laws, so to be made, be consistent with the Laws of this State: And also providing that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty shall have power from time to time to appoint such Sealers and Inspectors of weights, measures, beams and Scales in the said City, as to them may seem meet.

The following Resolution is submitted.

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare the draft of a Law in conformity with the foregoing Report.

J. Hammond.
(Signed.) Stephen Allen.
John. P. Anthony.

Alderman Allen stated that as this was the period at which the Treasurer or Chamberlain was usually elected, he moved that the Board go into an Election for Treasurer for the present year, [134] which having been agreed to, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Treasurer when John Fleming was re-elected to the said office.

A resolution was presented directing that on all applications for opening or regulating Streets three Weeks should be given, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Kip which was adopted. Resolved, that the Lamp Committee be and are hereby directed to instruct the Superintendent of Lamps to omit lighting the Public Lamps, or any part of the same, whenever in their opinion it may be done without subjecting the Inhabitants to any inconvenience.

Alderman Allen presented the following which was adopted. Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to demand of Thomas Dunning, formerly Collector of the 9th Ward, the Tax book, containing the Assessment for the year 1815, and in the event of his refusing to deliver said book, to report the same to the Board in order that the necessary measures may be adopted to enforce a compliance with this Order.

Alderman Tooker presented a resolution directing the Counsel to prepare a Memorial requesting the Legislature to take up the consideration of the Memorial presented at their last Session to authorise a Tax to be laid for repairs for the Battery, which was laid for consideration.

The Board [135] proceeded to the consideration of the Laws revised by the Counsel, when the Law for the regulation of a City Prison and Bridewell, and for the appointment of a keeper thereof, a "Law to regulate the landing and sale of Hay in the City of New York," and a "Law concerning dogs" were approved.

The "Law regulating Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York" being under consideration, Alderman Mann moved to strike out the 4th Section which directed the number of the licence to be painted on each side of the Cart, sled or sleigh, the words "sled or sleigh," the question being taken thereon it passed in the negative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Mann, were as follows.

Noes. Aldermen. Tooker, Townsend, Kip, Anthony, Swartwout, McQueen. Messrs Crane, Town, Parker, Brittain, Emmons, De Peyster. 12.

A[y]es. Aldn Mann, Allen. Messrs Valentine. Hammond. 4.

The same was then referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Comptroller presented the sealed proposals which he had received for leasing the Street manure, when on motion the Gallery was cleared and the doors closed.

The sealed proposals were opened and examined, and it appearing that Benjamin Disbrow had offered the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars for One year for the Street Manure of the Eastern district, and offered as his sureties Clarkson Crolius and Son. Samuel W Disbrow. Joseph Moore and Peter Erben the said proposal was accepted, and the Counsel was directed to prepare the necessary [136] writings.

It also appearing that William M Hitchcock had offered for the Street Manure of the Western District for one year from 1st February next the sum of Eighteen hundred and Seventy five dollars and had

offered as his sureties Robert Bogardus and Stephen Hitchcock, the said proposal was accepted and the Counsel was directed to prepare the necessary papers.

[137, 138, blank.]

[139] Special Meeting. In Common Council January 29th 1821.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor Pres[id]ent.
Peter A Jay Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants
Samuel Tooker.	Harmanus Tallman.
Thomas S Townsend.	Benjamin Crane.
Leonard Kip.	Charles Town.
John P. Anthony.	Shivers Parker.
Robert Swartwout.	Isaac Emmons.
Robert McQueen.	Grard Depeyster
Asa Mann.	Judah Hammond.
Stephen Allen.	

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had called this meeting at the request of the Chairman of the Finance Committee understanding that *that* the late fire at Fulton slip made it necessary that some steps should be taken in relation to certain Policies of Insurance which were upon some of the property there distroyed.

The following communication from the Counsel of the Board was then read.

The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that on the [140] twelfth day of January Instant the report of the Commissioners who were appointed to estimate the value of the property lying between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf and between Front Street and South Streets was finally confirmed by the Supreme Court.

The Act by virtue of which those Commissioners were appointed provides that on the " final confirmation of the report of the Commissioners by the Supreme Court, the Corporation shall become and be seized in fee simple absolute of all the Lands, tenements hereditaments and premises mentioned in that Act, and of the appurtenan[ces] priveleges and advantages to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining." The buildings of course which were situated upon that Block, were the property of the Corporation at the time they were destroyed by the late fire. It is ascertained that the buildings which belonging to the heirs of the late John Rogers Fronting on Fulton Street, and extending from Front to South Streets and also the Store which belonged to Townsend and Rogers were Insured.

In pursuance of instructions from the Finance Committee and from the Comptroller, the Washington and Eagle Insurance Companies have been notified of the Loss, and that the Corporation claim to be entitled to remuneration from them. By the conditions of the Insurance it is required that all persons sustaining loss or damage by fire, shall as soon after as possible deliver in a particular account of their loss or damage "signed with their own hands," and shall also make the necessary proof of Loss. This account in the case of a Corporate body must be under their Corporate Seal.

Under these circumstances the Counsel respectfully recommends that the Mayor be authorised to affix the Common Seal to such [141] documents or instruments as may be necessary to comply with the requisitions of the Policy of Insurance.

He also recommends that the Comptroller be instructed to make out an account of the loss or damage which the Corporation have sustained, and also to furnish the necessary proofs of the same.

As the Counsel has been given to understand by the Secretaries of the Insurance Companies that they will probably resist the payment of the losses, he respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of authorising him to retain Counsel to aid him in the prosecution of the claim.

Respectfully submitted.

(signed.) Ogden Edwards

Alderman Allen then presented the following Resolutions,

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorised to affix the Common seal to such documents as may be necessary to comply with the requisition of the Policies of Insurance upon the property belonging to the Corporation, between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf which has been recently destroyed by fire.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to make out an account of the loss or damage which the Corporation have sustained thereby, and also to furnish the necessary proof of the same.

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prosecute (if necessary) the claim of the Corporation against the Insurance Companies, for the loss and damage which the Corporation have sustained by the late fire, and to retain Counsel to aid him in the prosecution.

Alderman Kip stated that being interested in the Insurance [142] Offices in which the abovementioned property was insured, he begged to be excused from voting thereon. On motion Alderman Kip was excused from voting. The question was then taken on agreeing to the resolution, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Thirty one petitions, signed by a number of Inhabitants, were presented soliciting the Corporation (without thereby affecting any legal or equitable right) again to consider the propriety of building a Market on the ground near Fulton Slip, now made by the late conflagration entirely waste and unoccupied, which were directed to be referred to a special Committee.

On motion it was resolved that the Committee be appointed by the President, when the following gentlemen were appointed consisting of Seven. Aldermen. Mann. Tooker, Swartwout, Townsend, Allen, Mr Town and Mr Emmons.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication stating that *that* the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, for extending Lispenard Street having been lately confirmed by the Supreme Court, the proprietors of the property were anxious to know when it will be required for the improvement, in order to give suitable notice to their Tenants when they were to remove:

Whereupon, it was resolved that the improvement be carried into effect on the 1st of May next.

[143] In Common Council. February 5th 1821.

Present. The Honl Cadwallader D Colden Mayor President.
Peter A Jay Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P. Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert McQueen.	Charles Town.
Asa Mann.	Shivers Parker.
Stephen Allen.	Stephen P Brittain.
_____	Isaac Emmons.
_____	Gerard DePeyster.
_____	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Committee consisting of Isaac Lawrence, Abraham Bloodgood, Grove Wright, William Bayard, and John Hone, appointed in pursuance of resolutions, passed at a Meeting of Freeholders, and Lessees of real Estate on the 30th of January last, attended and presented a Memorial, signed by a great number of Freeholders and Lease holders, representing that they had felt the heavy respo[n]sibilities to which they have, for many years, been subjected by Assessments for

laying out Streets and Roads, without any advantage Sufficient to compensate for their losses and expenditures—That under the [144] operation of the present system of Government of the City, owners and Lessees of real Estate are taxed at the discretion of persons over whom they have no control, and that the present Election franchise is of no practical use or benefit to them. The remedy for these evils they conceive to be a reform in the Constitution of the Common Council, and that reform they would recommend to be to provide for the Election of another Board of Common Council to act in concurrence with the present, and that this additional Board be elected by the Freeholders and Lessees of real Estate in the City.

The Committee added that a Committee was appointed at the Public Meeting on the 30th of January of which Colonel Few was Chairman. who were authorised to confer with any Committee appointed on the part of the Corporation. The several Communications having been read, it was resolved that the same be referred to *to* a special Committee. The Mayor accordingly, appointed on that Committee, The Recorder, Aldermen Tooker, Allen. Mr Brittain Mr Parker.

A petition from Butchers stationed at the Fly Market—a petition from a number of Inhabitants of King's County, attending the said Market, and a number of petitions from the Inhabitants of the City praying the erection of a New Market at Fulton Slip and discontinuing the Fly Market were severally read and referred to the Special Committee appointed on that subject.

A Remonstrance signed by a number of Inhabitants against the removal of the Fly-Market, was also presented and referred to the same Committee.

[145] A Memorial from the Committee of the Vestry of St Luke's church was received stating that they had lately been given to understand that it was expected that they would pay rent for the room, corner of Hudson and Christopher Streets, occupied by them as a place of public worship. That when it was granted to them, it was supposed it was gratuitous, but to be surrendered when required, that they expected to erect a Church in the ensuing summer, but that would require all their pecuniary resources, they therefore requested a gratuitous grant of the room for one year, should its occupation be necessary.

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to act in the premises as they should judge advisable.

A statement of the funds and annual Income of the Sailor's snug

Harbor was presented, and directed to be filed. The amount of Income was stated to be $7.958.51.

A petition from William B Hill for remission of a fine under the Hack law, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

An account of Thomas H Westley (of Baltimore State of Maryland) for sundry expences incurred, and five months board of William McDonough Lavis son of Thomas Lavis of New York who was taken from the possession of a female fugitive from justice, amounting to fifty dollars, was presented and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition in behalf of the Reverend Matthew La Rue Perrin for remission of Assessment of personal tax of last year, he being by law as a Clergyman, exempt therefrom, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[146] A complaint against the present Superintendent of the Mud Machine, and a recommendation in favor of Silas Barmore for the appointment to that office was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition from Wm Van Wart for remission of fine for selling liquor on Sunday, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Eliza Hull for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Dennis Kenan complaining of the slaughter house of John Davenport adjoining to his house, as being kept in a very filthy state, was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Jane Wymber for remission of a fine for selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Frederick G Bull complaining of an undue Assessment on him for personal Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A further complaint of John A Hardenbrook of the house N° 112 Bowery, adjoining his house, and that the water from the house and yard of said premises is thrown upon his ground and into his Cellar, was read and referred to the City Inspector, with direction to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

[147] A petition of Samuel Haskell for further time for payment of an Assessment laid on the property of Mary Mann, now his Wife, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was received from Eli Wadsworth and Company, stating that they are building graduated scales for weighing large draughts, which, in their opinion will be of great public utility, and

praying some suitable situation for weighing may be assigned to them which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A communication was received from Noah Bartlett, offering to lease for the purposes of a Court Room for the Justices of the 4th and 6th Ward the Office in Tryon Row, now occupied by A Sherman Esqr which was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th and 6th Wards.

A petition of B. Fleury for relief from an Assessment from personal tax on him, which he considered excessive, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Samuel Frost for relief from penalty, said to be incurred by acting as Pawn Broker, without licence therefor was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of William Boyce for stall in Fly market, and of Thomas Varian for stall No 10 Catharine market, were referred to the Market Committee.

[148] A petition of Mary Ludlow, to be released from payment of an Assessment for personal tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

An Account of the District Attorney for fees due to him for the Sessions of July, August, September, October, November, and December 1819. and of January, February, March, April and May 1820. was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the Agricultural Society of the City and County of New York for the use of a Room in the New York Institution for a place of meeting and as a depository for the various seeds which are from time to time transmitted to them, and for the purposes also of a Library, was read and referred to the Committee on public Offices.

The following persons were appointed Fire Warden and Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Wardens of the 7th Ward.

Thompson Price, Mason, No 102 Lombardy Street. 7th Ward, Vice Job Furman. Resigned.

Hook and Ladder Company No 3.

Peter Winant Junior, Carpenter, No 37 Vandam St 8th do Vice Henry Bertholf. Resigned.

Fire Engine Company No 7.

Francis Lyon, Morocco-dresser, No 36 Reed Street 5th do Vice. William L Mott. Time of service expired.

[149] Fire Engine Company N° 12.

William McAlpine, Leather dresser, N° 17 Chesnut St 4th Ward
Vice. Jacob Van Nostrand. Resigned.

N° 18.

Benjamin F Cheeseman, Accountant, Market co Banker St 7th do
Vice. Jethro Mitchell. Resigned.

N° 35, Stationed at Harlaem.

John Adriance Junior Farmer, Harlaem. 9th do
Vice. Isaac Devooe. Deceased.

N° 28.

Garret T Beekman, Carpenter. Sullivan near Broome St 8th do
Vice. Jacob Skinner. Resigned.

N° 40.

Thomas G Harrison, Butcher, N° 95. Orange Street. 8th do
Vice. Jotham Sherwood. Resigned.

Thomas McIntyre, Chair Maker. N° 16 Hester St 10th do
Vice. Stephen Frost. Removoved to the Count[r]y.

William B Ferguson, Chair Painter. N° 17 Harman St 7th do
Vice. Increase C Baker, Expelled for repeated neglects of duty.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Harman Street from Catharine to Rutgers Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordi- [150] nances for correcting Nuisances, viz,

N° 1	Mrs Gloriana Franklin,	Owner,	R. Sands,	Occupant,	N° 3 Oliver Street	A privy
2	P. Parks,	Owner,	R Green,	Occupant	18 do	do
3	Mrs Sammis	Lessee.	C. Walton	do	27 do	do
4	Mrs Caves.	Owner.	J Walton	do	29 do	do
5	J. Marsh.	do	J Gordon	do	49 do	do
6	J. Hunt.	do	Wm Walden	do	1 Henry	do
7	J Heath	do	C. McGowan	do	3 do	do
8	S. Upson	Occupant	J. Heath	Owner	5 do	do
9	T. Gardner	Owner	D Love	Occupant	30 Banker	do
10	J Gardner	do	D Cisco	do	30½ do	do
11	J. H Baker	do	and	do	31 do	do
12	Coggershall	do	G W Teller	do	37 do	do

13	P. Parks.	Owner	J. Pierpont	Occupant	47	Banker		A privy
14	P. French	do	P Trent	do	54	do		do
15	J. Smith	Lessee.	L Sylvester	do	28	Oak		do
16	J. C. Roosevelt, Agent.		C Jasper	do	41	do		do
17	J. Mc Lean.	Owner.	J. Pierpoint	do	45	do		do
18	J. Weed	do	Wm Cox	do	47	do		do
19	P. Shonnard	do	and	do	89	Cherry		do
20	S. Purdy	do	Wm Crowsher	do	90	do		do
21	P. Shonnard	do	A & W D Field	do	91	do		do
22	S. Purdy	do	A Canovillo	do	92	do		do
23	Wm L Simers	do	and	do	98	do		do
24	Dr Bunel	Lessee	Mrs Crawford	do	99	do		do
25	Mrs Logan,	Executrix	Mrs McLaughlin	do	100	do		do
26	[151] Wm Johnson,	Owner	J. Marchison,	Occupant,	101	do		do
27	D. Lake	do	F. Faverau,	do	103	do		do
28	D. Doyle,	do	J. Caherty	do	104	do		do
29	S. Thompson	do	and	do	105	do		do
30	Widow Lewis	do	R. Turner	do	112	do		do
31	Josh Marsh	do	and	do	113	do		do
32	T. Stagg	do	P. Fish	do	118	do		do
33	Sl Heath and his Wife	do	H. Demilt	do	Jews Alley and Banker		St	do
34	J. Brown	Owner	H Blase,	do	No 2	do	do	do
35	do do	do	C. Eddy	do	3	do	do	do
36	P. McLaughlin	do	E. Stephenson	do	5	do	do	do
37	Wm McLaughlin	do	and	do	6	do	do	do
38	T. Griffen	do	J. McCornel	do	7	do	do	do
39	Js C Roosevelt Agent,		J. Mosher	do	362	Water	do	do
40	G. Abeel	Owner	Sl Tate	do	364	do	do	do
41	do do	do	J. Reeves	do	364½	do	do	do
42	Mrs Skilling	do	J. P. Lacoste	do	366	do	do	do
43	Jno Gardner	do	P. Green	do	14	James	do	do
44	J. Gardner	do	R. Burns	do	16	do	do	do
45	G. Newbold.	do	R. Bannon	do	18	do	do	do
46	R. Brown.	do	J. Leonard	do	24	do	do	do
47	James Russell	do	and	do	56	do	do	do
48	Wm Bethel	do	H. Miller	do	58	do	do	do
49	Mrs Fisk.	do	J. Fekke	do	60	do	do	do
50	Js Crommeline	do	Wm Phillips and Richard Frisbeck	do	68	do	do	do
51	[152] F Seely	do	and	do	88	do	do	do
52	P Lockwood	do	and	do	90	do	"	do
53	S. Hitchcock	do	and	do	92	do	"	do
54	N. Corbet	do	E. Conway	do	94	do	"	do
55	Do Do	do	and	do	94½	do	"	do
56	P. Shonnard	do	C Brannon	do	98	do	"	do

57 J. Smith	Owner	N. H Lewis	Occupant	34 James St	A Lot
58 J Baker	do	J Parker	do	6 Beach do	do

(Signed.) George Cuming.
City Inspector.

The Counsel presented the following communication.

The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that the Supreme Court at their last Term ordered, that all the proceedings in the case of Dover Street be discontinued,

Als[o] that an argument was there had before the Court relative to the Common Sewer through Canal Street, which involved the merits of the controversy, and that the Court deferred giving their opinion until the May Term.

The Counsel begs leave to recommend that the Mayor be authorised, during the recess of the Board to sign and affix the Common Seal to the answer of the Corporation to the Bill in Chancery filed against them by Christian Bergh.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards.

The Counsel also informs the Board that the report of the [153] *report of the* Commissioners in the case of Lispenard Street was confirmed and he recommends that a Collector be appointed to collect the Assessments.

He also presented a Lease of the School room over Watch house in Eldrige Street to Hart and Belden—A Lease to Benjamin Smith for Lots N° 13 and 18 at Brooklyn—A Lease to Abel Sammis for Hornes' hook ferry—An assignment to Benjamin Disbrow of Street Manure of Eastern District, and to John M Hitchcock of Western District, which were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented draughts of Memorials to the Legislature and corresponding Bills as follows. viz. the article relative to the duties of the Coroner, and the Salaries of the Assistant Justices—Act relative to the Commissioner of Excise, and an Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to raise money by Tax, which were severally directed to be duly authenticated, and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal concerns of the Corporation, which was presented at the last meeting, was called up, read, the resolutions adopted, and were directed to be published in the papers employed by the Corporation.

The report was in the words following.

The
Annual Report of the Finance
Committee, for the year 1821.
In Common Council, January 22nd 1821.
and ordered to be printed.

[154] The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following Report;

The Committee suggested it as their opinion, in a report of the 29th of December, 1819. that an annual examination into the City Finances would prove useful and salutary: and having no cause to alter that opinion, they have attempted a general review of the Financial concerns of the Corporation, from May 1816. to the present period, together with an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for the year commencing on the second Monday in May 1821. and ending on the second Monday in May 1822, with such elucidations of the subject as appeared to them proper and necessary.

The Committee make no pretensions to perfect correctness in their calculations, for in their opinion, the nature and novelty of the undertaking would not warrant the conclusion: and the limited time allowed them from their ordinary avocations, precluded the possibility of giving the subject that attention which its importance demands: but they nevertheless hope that the attempt may be of some utility to the Board, in conveying information not heretofore afforded, on a subject of increasing interest to the community.

The ordinary receipts of the Corporation are derived from the following sources: viz.

Rents of the public property, including the ferries and the public wharves and slips; street manure; mayoralty fees; tavern and excise licences; a portion of the duty on Sales at vendue; and the annual taxes on the real and personal property in this city.

The extraordinary or casual revenue accrues from the re- [155] ceipt of former advances made by the Corporation, together with some small items, too precarious to be calculated on; but principally from the sale of public property, and from loans, either permanent or temporary.

The ordinary disbursements comprise the following objects: Alms House, penitentiary and Bridewell; City Watch; Fire-department; lamps; Interest on City debt; Salaries; repairs of the Public property Police Office; repairing roads; common schools; wells and pumps;

and a large amount of contingencies, unavoidable in the transaction of public business.

The extraordinary disbursements comprise balances unpaid on former contracts; redeeming bills of credit; working the Avenues; building docks and slips; uncollected assessments on streets paid in advance from the Treasury; and a number of incidental expenses that cannot be anticipated.

That the Board may have a comparative view of the several items of receipts and expenditures, both ordinary and extraordinary, from May, 1816, to May, 1820, the Committee have arranged, from the annual reports of the Comptroller the following exhibits.

The ordinary receipts into the Treasury from the following sources, during the year ending on the 12th day of May, 1817, were as follows:

Rents	$40.672.95	
Street-Manure	6.750.	
Mayoralty fees	1.533.21	
Tavern and Excise Licences	12.192. 5	$61.148.21
[156] Vendue Sales		25.395.11
Taxes		187.941.58
Balance in the Treasury, May, 1816		7.836.89
		$282.321.79

Extraordinary Receipts.

Sale of U. S. [Stock] held by Committee of Defence	39.212.97
Proceeds of issue of Bills of Credit	11.340.
Cash from Manager of Board of Health Lottery	4.713.88
Sale of Watch House, Wall-Street	6.520.37
Jury fines	11.12
Borrowed of Mechanics Bank	110.000.
Making a Total of Dollars	454.120.13

The ordinary expenditures during the same period were as follows:

Alms House	90.886.
Watch	57.401.50
Fire Department	35.256.75
Lamps	28.496.41
Interest on funded and floating debt	54.280.63
Salaries	29.063.97
Repairs	25.341.29
Police Office	4.213.71
Board of Health	2.168.75
Common Schools and Charities	8.844.26
Wells and Pumps	4.688.88

County Contingencies	22.049.39	
Repairing Roads &c	6.258.77	
		$368.950.31

[157] Extraordinary Expenditures.

Return Receipt for Hamilton-square Lots	8.184.90	
Redeeming Bills of Credit	16.908.44	
Building of Alms House	30.000.	
Intestate Estates and Signal Poles	211.96	
Streets and Avenues	12.873.33	
Gass-light Experiment	5.927.25	74.505.88
Making a Total of Dollars		443.456.29

The ordinary receipts into the Treasury from the same Sources for the year ending on the 11th day of May, 1818. were as follows:

Rents	43.049.43	
Street Manure	9.000.	
Mayoralty Fees	1.927.27	
Tavern and Excise Licences	15.654.30	
Vendue Sales	50.450.61	
Taxes	199.216.45	
Balance in the Treasury, May, 1817	11.063.94	330.362.

Extraordinary Receipts.

Assesment for opening Canal Street	97.000.	
Penalties and Alien passengers	412. 6	
Cash from Managers of Board of Health Lottery	1.225.	
Sale of Public Land	27.403. 9	
City Stock funded	100.684.18	226.724.33
Making a Total of Dollars		557.086.33

The ordinary expenditures for the same period were as follows.

Alms-house &c	$107,600.00	
[158] Watch	57.646.87	
Fire department	10.563.56	
Lamps	20.316.60	
Interest on funded and floating debt	53.894.56	
Salaries	29.810.33	
Repairs	28.410.27	
Police Office	4.954.13	
Common Schools and Charities	5.030.	
Wells and Pumps	1.220.46	
Board of Health	1.050.	
Repairing Roads &c	4.400.	
County Contingencies	31.780.93	356.677.71

Extraordinary Expenditures.

Return Receipt for Hamilton Square Lots	11.586.58	
Building Alms house	12.876.38	
Redeeming Bills of Credit	21.354.29	
Streets and Avenues	72.835.97	
Docks and slips	56.930.61	
Filling Collect ground	874.57	
Defence Account	1.099.88	
Bonds for temporary Loan	21.000.	198.558.28
Making a Total of ..... Dollars		556.235.99

The ordinary receipts into the Treasury for the year ending on the 10th May, 1819, were as follows:

Rents	41.328.22	
Street Manure	6.500.	
[159] Mayoralty Fees	1.666.70	
Tavern and Excise Licenses	17.322.34	
Vendue Sales	7.500.	
Taxes	229.228.39	
Balance in Treasury May 1818	1.850.34	305.395.99

Extraordinary Receipts.

Penalties and Alien passengers	4.426.34	
Intestate Estates	1.160. 6	
Wells and pumps Assessments	3.184.76	
Register of Dogs	30.	
Sale of public Real Estate	110.875.31	119.676.47
Making a Total of ..... Dlls		425.072.46

The ordinary expenditures for the same period were, for the

Alms House	105.509.12	
Watch	59.112.89	
Fire department	11.287. 8	
Lamps	25.549.92	
Interest on funded and floating debt	47.753.53	
Salaries	34.859.94	
Repairs	15.056.	
Board of Health	900.	
Repairing Roads &c	2.963.50	
Common Schools and Charities	17.844.12	
Police Office	5.454.79	
County Contingencies	28.669.82	354.690.71

[160] Extraordinary Expenditures.

Streets and Avenues	12.201.98	
Docks and Slips	29.421.91	
Filling Collect Ground	129.84	
Defence Account	210.	
Repairs at Battery	794.	
Bonds for temporary Loans	13.999.	56.756.73
Making a Total of Dollars		411.717.44

The ordinary receipts into the Treasury for the year ending on the 8th day of May, 1820, were as follows:

Rents	37.016.18	
Street Manure	1.250.	
Mayoralty fees	1.160.77	
Tavern and Excise Licences	21.517.20	
Vendue Sales	12.500.	
Taxes	204.341.27	
Balance in the Treasury, May 1819	13.355. 2	291.140.44

Extraordinary Receipts.

Alien Passengers	9.631.	
Intestate Estates	28.68	
Wells and Pumps	1.132.80	
Sale of Real Estate in 1819	26.903. 2	
Balance of $100.000 City Stock funded paying sundry Bonds for temporary Loans	69.726.71	107.420.21
Making a Total of Dollars		398.560.65

[161] The ordinary Expenditures for the same period were as follows:

Alms House	$84.420.	
Watch	61.064.37	
Lamps	26.024.55	
Fire department	4.717.48	
Interest on funded and floating debt	72.551.22	
Salaries	30.591.31	
Repairs	13.708.	
Board of Health	4.101.68	
Repairing Roads &c	3.988.50	
Common Schools and Charities	8.832. 6	
Police Office	5.531.21	
County Contingencies	24.748.72	340.279.10

Extraordinary Expenditures.		
Streets and Avenues	19.337. 4	
Docks and Slips	903.12	
Forming the Reef at Battery	16.536.80	
Executing dog Law	592.35	
Additional land at Alms House	17.395.	
Return receipts for Hamilton square Lots	1.596.17	
Justices Court and Sessions, new expense	1.458.57	
Greenwich sewer	154.	57.973. 5
Making a Total of		$398.252.15

The Committee deem it necessary to observe, that many of the foregoing items are composed of balances of accounts; for whenever the receipts for the rent of docks and slips, or the assessments on Streets and Avenues, fell short of the expenditure, the balance only is put [162] down as the amount of payment; and the same rule has been observed throughout.

On reviewing the above statements, it appears that the ordinary payments exceeded the receipts of the same description.

To May 1817	86.628.
To May 1818	26.315.
To May 1819	48.564.
And to May 1820	49,138.
	$210.645.

Making a total excess above the ordinary receipts for four years, of $210.645. which, when added to the extra payments, amounting to $387.793. will make a total sum of $598.438 to be provided for from extraordinary sources. This deficiency has been met by the only means in the power of the Common Council namely, by disposing of such of their real estate as was deemed most for the public interest; funding the remainder of the Stock authorised by an act of the Legislature, passed in the year 1812, and by contracting temporary loans on the credit of the Corporation.

The Committee took occasion in their report of last year, before alluded to, [to] shew a large amount of arrearage in streets and avenues, and docks and slips; and they find by a reference to these items in the present exhibit, that the extraordinary payments made on them; for which there is no corresponding credit, amounts to rising $200.000, in the following proportions; viz. streets $70.000, avenues 47.000. docks and slips $83.000. It is evident, therefore, that these [163] subjects of improvement are a heavy expense on the public; and in order, to reduce the public expenditure, the first and second ought

to be suspended altogether, unless the owners *the owners* of the property requiring the improvement, shall consent to pay the whole expense, and also to advance the amount that may remain a lien on the land, until it can be legally collected by a sale of the property; and that the expence of additional piers, as well as the repairs of the docks and slips ought never be permitted to exceed the sum received for their rent.

The Committee entertained a strong hope, while preparing its foregoing exhibits, that it would be enjoined on future Committees to bring the subject annually before the Board, by which means it may be reduced to a system; and the Common Council by comparing the several data brought into view, will be fully apprised of the State of the city finances, and thus be induced to avoid any extraordinary expense, not previously provided for, and the so frequent recurrence to temporary loans, the expedient resorted to in cases of emergency.

The following was the state of the public debt at the several [dates] designated below.

The amount of the funded debt in May 1817 was..	$700.000.	
The amount of outstanding bonds, at the same period was	270.318.87	
Making a total Sum of.....		$970.318.87
The amo[t] of funded debt in May 1818 was.....	800.000.	
The outstanding Bonds at the same period amounted to	208.863.82	
Making a total of.....	$1.008.863.82	
Being an increase of debt to May, 1818, of.....		38.544.95
[164] The funded debt in May, 1819, was.....	$800.000.	
The outs[tg] bonds at the same period am[td] to.....	209.863.82	
Making a total amount of.....	$1.109.863.82	
Being an Increase to the above period of.....		$1.000.
The amo[t] of funded debt in May, 1820, was.....	900.000.	
And the Bonds were.....	266.023.20	
Making a total amount of.....	$1.166.023.20	
Being an Increase to the last period of.....		$156.159.38
Making a total, as above, of.....Dollars		1.166.023.20

By a resolution of the Common Council, passed the 26[th] day of June, 1820. a loan was authorised to be taken, at an annual Interest

of five per Cent. payable quarterly. A large proportion of the proceeds of this loan was applied by the Comptroller, under the direction of your Committee, to the payment of the outstanding bonds of the Corporation, as directed by a resolution of the Board. The following is a particular description of the Bonds paid, the objects for which they were issued, with their amount, including interest then due on them.

4 Bonds to the Mechanics' Bank, issued for a temporary loan.....	$70.812.
1 Bond to the State of New York, issued for the purchase of the Government House	33.600.
1 Bond to G Kuypers, issued for a loan to the Defence Committee	3.166.25
1 Bond to P. Schermerhorn, issued for the purchase of Fulton Slip	15.787.50
2 Bonds to S & R Remsen, issued for the purchase of a part of Burling Slip	5.485.11
5 Bonds to sundry persons, issued for the purchase of the s[l]ip at the foot of Roosevelt Street.....	16.613.84
[165] 1 Bond to P. Bonnett for a mortgage on Hardenbrook's estate	3.269. 3
1 Bond to J. Dederer for the Same.....	4.394.67
1 Bond to E Bensen for common lands.....	2.070.
1 Bond to E W King for the same.....	1.899.22
4 Bonds to Silas Lord for award in opening Canal Street.....	8.901.91
Making a total of.....Dollars	165.999.54

And leaving a balance of $34.000.46 in the Treasury, to be applied to the ordinary disbursements of the Corporation.

The following was the amount of the public debt on the 8th day of January, Instant.

The Amount of funded debt, bearing an Interest of 6 pr Cent, per annum, was		900.000.
That bearing an Interest of 5 per Cent was.....		200.000.
And the outstanding bonds were as follows:		
3 Bonds to R Varick issued for the purchase of Dey Street basin	25.080.	
9 Bonds to Mechanics' Bank, issued to the Contractors for building the sewer in Canal st.....	61.129.82	
1 Bond to Mechanics' Bank, issued for opening Harman Street	6.000.	92.209.82
Making a total of funded and floating debt of.....		$1.192.209.82
The total amount in May, 1820, being.....		1.166.023.20
There is an Increase of debt to this period amounts to...Dollars		26.186.62

The Committee beg leave to present this subject to the Board in a view somewhat different from the above, by shewing the actual amount of funded debt purchased by the Commissioners; so much of the [166] floating debt as will be disbursed from special sources; and the Bonds held by the Corporation, that may be appropriated to the payment of the remainder of the debt.

The funded debt on the 8th day of January, instant, as above stated was		$1.100.000.
There was purchased by the Commissioners of the sinking fund, of the Stock bearing interest at 6 pr Ct		
To May 1816	46.100.	
To May 1817	17.800.	
To May 1818	27.800.	
To May 1819	41.300.	
To May 1820	18.500.	
To January 1821 of the stock bearing an interest of five per cent	45.000.	
And there was Cash in the Sinking fund at the last date	2.193.30	198.693.30
Leaving the actual amount of funded debt unredeemed on the 8th of January Instant		$901.306.70
Amount of floating debt as before stated, is	$92.209.82	
From which deduct the Bonds issued for the sewer in Canal street to be paid from the assessment for that object	61.129.82	
Also, the Bond to the Bank to be paid from the assessment on Harman Street	6.000.	
[167] Also, a bond due the Corporation for ground sold at Albany Basin, to be applied to the payment of those due R. Varick	4.000.	
Also a Bond due by Geo McKay	1.270.95	
Making a total of	$72.400.77	
		19.809. 5
And the whole amot of debt, on this principle, on the 8th Instant, at		$921.115.75

Under this view of the public debt, it may be proper to observe, that, although the amount above stated has been purchased and placed to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund, the annual expenses are in no wise lessened by the operation, in as much as the Interest on the whole amount funded must be provided for annually, until every dollar shall be redeemed and paid off: and in estimating the disbursements for the ensuing year, it must be observed, that the Interest on the whole amount of debt is included in the calculation.

The Committee have been furnished by the Comptroller with a statement of the receipts and expenditures for eight months of the present year, commencing on the 8th day of May 1820, and ending on the 8th day of January 1821. The receipts into the Treasury, during the above period, amounted to $279.039.59, as follows:

Rents	$50.577.62	
Street Manure	3.603.14	
Mayoralty fees	446.25	
Tavern and Excise Licences	23.714.95	
Vendue Sales	5.000.	
[168] Taxes	5.000.	
Intestate Estates and penalties	199.99	
Alien Passengers	825.	
Wells and pumps	681.30	
Gore of land sold	200.	
Borrowed of Mechanics' Bank	6.000.	
Balance of $200.000 Loan	34.000.46	
Balance of expenses during the war from U S	35.047.	
		$279.039.59
And the receipts into the Treasury for the remaining four months of the year are estimated to amount to		146.000.
Making the total amot rec'd, & estimated to be received, at		$425.039.59
To which add the Balance in the Treasury on the 8th day of May, 1820, amounting to		308.48
Making an aggregate of Dollars		425.348. 7

The drafts from the Treasury during the first mentioned period amounted to $251.495.61, as follows:

Alms House	$51.000.
Watch	36.893.94
Lamps	18.905.33
Fire Department	5.037.57
Interest on funded debt and Bonds	34.768.25
Salaries	21.341.22
Repairs	5.748.50
Board of Health	1.272.84
Roads	1.612.49
[169] Common schools and Charities	9.576.61
Police Office	3.567.22
County Contingencies	11.977.35
Streets	7.049.72
Canal Street Baisin	2.111.25
Justices Court	414.73
Third Avenue	5.000.

*Court of Sessions	$13.371.76	
Issuing Tavern licences	69.50	
Assessment on Potter's-field	1.340.	
Loss in Balancing the late Treasurer's books	10.937.33	
Loan from Mechanics' Bank paid	9.500.	251.495.61
And the disbursements for the remaining four months are estimated to amount to		172.552.
Making a total of		$424.047.61
And leaving a balance in favor of the Treasury, on the second Monday in May, 1821, of		$1.300.46

The estimates entered into as the foundation of the Report of December, 1819, were predicated on the avarage receipts and payments for the three preceding years. These were years of extraordinary expenditure, and although attempts were made to reduce particular items to a medium, by making such deductions as the best lights the Committee could obtain would warrant, they nevertheless find, that some of them were stated too high, and that the expenditures of the present year will amount to a much less sum than was anticipated by the Committee, and will leave unappropriated $200.000 of the sum authorised to be funded by an act of the Legislature passed on the 24th day of March, 1820. This result is, in a great measure, owing to the prudence of the [171] present board, in refusing their sanction to every extra expenditure not imperiously called for; to the receipt of a considerable sum from the United States' Treasury, a large reduction in the payment for salaries, and to the reduced price for labor and the articles of general consumption. The most mate-

* This is a new and extraordinary charge on the City, brought on it by an Act of the Legislature passed on the 21st day of April, 1818, which directs that the compensation allowed to the District Attorneys shall be paid by the respective counties for which they were appointed, to be assessed and collected as a part of the contingent expense of said County; and by a further act, passed on the 2nd of April, 1819, providing that the fines and forfeitures imposed by the Court of Sessions shall be applied to the payment of the fees allowed the Clerk of the Sessions. Previous to [170] the passage of these acts, the Sheriff collected the fines and forfeitures imposed by the Court of Sessions in this County, and from these proceeds paid the bills of the Attorney, the Clerk, and the Constables and Marshals who attended the several Courts, and annually drew on the State Treasury for the deficiency, which was very considerable. The delegates from the other Counties, observing that a considerable item of expenditure arose from the amount drawn by the Sheriff of this County for the above object, without considering that a large proportion of the pauperism and crime of the State necessarily center here, proposed the acts alluded to, by which an annual expense of about $12.000 was thrown upon the City; and although the Common Council have petitioned the Legislature for an act fixing the salary of the District Attorney and Clerk of the Sessions, and if the said act passes into a law, there will still be drawn from the City Treasury about $6,000 annually for this object.

rial savings have been on the following items: Alms House, Salaries, Repairs, Fire department, County Contingencies, Docks and Slips, and Bills of Credit. The item of Docks and Slips is a credit account for the first time in four years: and the expense on that item alone, is $70.000 less than it was estimated at by the Committee. The amount of Bills of credit unredeemed and still in circulation, being very considerable, it was calculated that at least $5.000 would be wanted for that object: but up to this date, only $62.32 has been offered for redemption.

The Committee have received from the several collectors a return of the amount of assessments, of all descriptions, remaining uncollected to the 9th Instant; from which it appears that there were uncollected,

by Noah Jarvis	$87.698.75
" John G Betts	26.217.46
" Morris De Camp	29.166.62
Making in the aggregate ..... Dollrs	143.082.83

A large proportion of this amount is for wells and pumps, and for paving and regulating streets, the proceeds of which are paid to the Contractors as soon as collected; and in many cases, the balances are advanced from the Treasury, on the property being advertised for the payment of the assessment, which will account for a part of the yearly debit on Streets. In the return made by Mr Jarvis is included the amount advanced to the Contrac- [172] tors for the sewer in Canal-street, already alluded to in this report, and an assessment for opening Howard and other streets, the awards of which amount to $9.189. and will be payable on the 28th day of February next, and will have to be advanced from the Treasury, as the owners of the property benefitted are said to have refused payment. The principal advances made by the Corporation, as far as can be ascertained from the aforesaid returns. are on the following streets:

Washington Street	1.250.
Hudson Street	2.250.
Oliver Street	12.159.
Harman Street	8.480.
North Street, regulating	3.861.
Howard, and other Streets	9.189.
Making a total of ..... Dllrs	37,154.

The method recommended to the Comptroller by your Committee, of opening seperate accounts for the improvement on every street respectively, if persevered in, will, in the course of another year, enable him to shew distinctly the amount advanced by the Corporation; what assessments they have paid for the improvement of their own property, what part of lots have been assessed to them; what was the loss or gain on the sale of such lots; and whether the assessment will cover the whole expense. This information which appears to be much wanted, in order to explain the cause of such large sums having been yearly drawn from the Treasury for this particular object.

The Committee have concluded, that, from the sum above [173] stated, a receipt may be anticipated of about $10.000 towards the disbursements of the ensuing year, presuming that so long as these improvements continue, the Corporation must be in advance, a sum more or less large. This is the only extraordinary receipt which the Committee have deemed it prudent to take into calculation, altho' there is a fair probability that receipts may be rea[l]ized from other sources; such as the Assessment for working the Avenues, the collection of which is at present suspended by the petition from the owners of the property in their vicinity.

There was referred to the Committees, some time since, a resolution on the subject of erecting an iron railing around the Park.

This subject, although admitted to be necessary by your Committee, has not been reported on, in consequence of want of information deemed proper to be laid before the Board; and an opinion that the expence would be better met from the receipts of the next year, than the present. It has now been ascertained, from an estimate entered into by the Street-Commissioner, that the cost of placing an iron railing around the Park, will be $15.622, and the Committee have added this amount to the estimated disbursements for the ensuing year.

The Board having determined to sell the block of ground between Fulton Street and the Crane Wharf, to disburse the amount at which it has been valued by the Commissioners, it is not improbable that a loss of some amount will be sustained by the operation, which will be a charge on the expense of the next year; but on the other hand, should the law pass for building the wall round the Battery, and a Tax be authorised [174] for that purpose, the Treasury will be in the receipt of a sum amounting to $17.330. expended by the Corpo-

ration for that object, which will be more than sufficient to meet any loss that may accrue in the sale of the ground alluded to.

The Committee would feel much pleasure, were they enabled to recommend a reduction of the taxes for the ensuing year; but from the best calculation they are capable of making, they find that the same amount of Taxes will be required for the next as for the present year. The estimates they have entered into, they are persuaded, if the present disposition to economise continues, will not vary materially from the following statements.

The payments into the Treasury, from the several sources of Revenue brought into view by this exhibit for the year ending in May, 1822, are estimated as follows, viz.

Rents	42.000.	
Street Manure	5.000.	
Mayoralty fees	1.200.	
Vendue Sales	10.000.	
Alien passengers	1.000.	
Docks and Slips	10.000.	
Arrearages on Streets	10.000.	
Taxes	244.000.	
Tavern and Excise licences	23.000.	
	346.200.	
To which add the estimated balance in the Treasury on the 14th May 1821	1.300.	
Making a total of		$347,500.

The expenditures for the same period, on the [175] several objects as stated below, are estimated as follows:

Alms House	80.000.
Watch	56.000.
Lamps	25.000.
Fire department	6.000.
Interest on funded and floating debt	68.000.
Salaries	28.000.
Repairs	10.000.
Board of Health	2.000.
Roads	2.000.
Common schools and Charities	10.000.
Police Office	5.500.
Streets	8.000.
Justices Courts	1.000.
Third Avenue	6.000.
Court of General Sessions	6.000.
Printing and Stationary	3.000.

Annual election	1.000.	
Coroner's fees	1.500.	
County Contingencies	12.000.	
Fence round the Park	15.622.	
Making a total of		$346.622.
And leaving a balance in the Treasury in May 1822, of		$878.

The calculations entered into by the Committee, are based on the expectation that a rigid economy will be observed in the pub- [176] lic expenditure; and with these impressions, they are not aware of any occurrence, except by some act of the Board, that will materially affect them; and they are fully sensible that the whole of their theories may be defeated and brought to nought, by a vote of the Common Council in favour of some expensive improvement, as yet in embryo. There is perhaps no circumstance which has a tendency to lead into the extraordinary expenditures of former years, so much, as the facility with which the Corporation are enabled to raise any amount of money that may be required, on their own bonds.

The Committee do not mean to be understood as asserting, that this authority has, at any time, been improperly used by the Corporation (Common Council); for they readily admit, from their own experience, that much inconvenience would be felt without it; particularly if the law on the subject of opening streets is continued in force, which makes it obligatory on the Corporation to pay, in four months after confirmation, the whole of the awards for damages, whether received into the Treasury or not. They are nevertheless of the opinion that, had the Corporation possessed no power to borrow money, except what might be derived from an Act of the Legislature, much of the present City debt would have been avoided, and improvements would have progressed only in proportion to the ability and disposition of the persons who had to pay for them. In accordance with this opinion, the Committee beg leave barely to suggest for *for* the consideration of the Board.

1st Whether the public concerns would not be better managed if our system of government was so changed as to restrain the expenditures within the annual amount estimated for each particular object.

[177] 2nd Whether the public would not be benefited, and the finances of the Corporation improved, if the opening of Streets was placed in the hands of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature, instead of being, as it now is, in the hands of Corporation.

3rd Whether the disposing of the public Docks and slips, either in fee, or subject to an annual quit rent, would not be a saving to the Corporation, and at the same time leave the public in the enjoyment of all the conveniences they now possess.

The Committee stated in their report of December, 1819, that there was due the State a large amount for arrears of State Tax; but the unsettled accounts of the late Treasurer has, 'til lately, precluded the possibility of ascertaining how much of this sum had been received; and it was therefore deemed expedient to omit the payment to the State until the Books were finally balanced.

This object has been effected by a compromise with the executors, and the balance of State Tax, which appeared from the Treasurer's books to have remained in his hands at the time of his resignation, amounting to $6,298.14 was directed by your Committee to be paid into the State Treasury. In an account transmitted by the Comptroller to Mr Fleming, the present Treasurer, a charge is made for Interest on arrears of State tax amounting to $7.030. 9. The Committee doubted the propriety of this charge, and was of opinion that some consideration [178] was due the Corporation, under the peculiar circumstances in which they were placed by the situation of their Treasurer's accounts, who was constituted the Agent of the State, in the receipt of the Tax imposed on this city. It appeared to your Committee, on examining the act passed the 24th of October, 1814, that the Comptroller had not done all he was bound to do in relation to these arrears; for he had omitted, for several years, to place the accounts of the Treasurer into the hands of the Attorney General, for collection; while the act alluded to, directs, that he shall forthwith deliver said account to the Attorney General to be prosecuted; and there is no part of the Act, within the research of your Committee, that authorises the charge of interest on any arrears that may be due the State for Taxes.

Under these impressions, the Committee instructed the Comptroller to write to the Comptroller of the State, and to urge on his consideration the above facts and opinions, together with the loss sustained by the City in the settlement of the Treasurer's accounts, incurred, in preference of the last resort, a suit at law; and at the same time to suggest, whether, under these circumstances, it would not be just, that the State should bear a proportion of the said loss; and particularly, whether the charge for interest ought not to be abandoned. To this letter, the Comptroller returned an answer, in which he states, that his not having *having* ordered a prosecution against the late Cham-

berlain, does not, under the circumstances of the case, vary the question [179] of the liability of New York for the balance of arrears. He admits that there is no direct authority, by statute, to charge interest: but thinks it must be admitted, on our part, that when a debt is due, it legally becomes chargeable with interest; and therefore presumes there can be no question as to any part of the balance.

The Committee cannot perceive the justice of the rule laid down by the Comptroller, as it respects the interest charged on the account of arrears of Taxes. The Corporation have no intrest in the Taxes levied by the State; more than any individual of the community The State appoints the City Treasurer as their Agent to receive the amount of Tax as collected, and to pay it over to a particular Bank, selected to receive their deposites. If the Treasurer omits to pay the money at a stipulated period, the Comptroller is directed to prosecute him, and his sureties, for the balance due. But the Comptroller neglects to comply with the duty imposed on him by law, of legally demanding payment of the Treasurer, and in its stead, commences the charge of an Interest account, and tells you, when you complain of this course, that his not having complied with the requirements of the statute does by no means diminish your liability; and that the debt being due, he had a right to charge Interest on the amount. The Committee, with due deference for the opinion of the Comptroller, must be permitted to doubt, both the propriety and justice of this charge for Interest: for they verily believe, had the demand for payment been made in a legal manner, there would now have been no cause for their complaint on this subject: and as there appears no reason to expect a more favorable result, from any further application to the Comptroller, they recommend to the Board, that a respectful [180] petition be presented to the Legislature, praying for relief in the premises.

The Committee have had under consideration the subject of the Commissions allowed the Collector of Taxes in this city; and while the Common Council have reduced the salaries of the officers under their immediate controul, to the situation of the times, there is no good reason why the compensation of the Collectors should not be reduced also. It appears, that the compensation as now received, was fixed at a time when the amount to be collected was sixty or eighty thousand dollars less, and when most articles of consumption were nearly fifty per cent higher than at present.

It is incumbent on the Board, therefore, as the guardians of the public interest, to ask the Legislature a reasonable deduction in the percentage allowed for the collection of the taxes in this City. The

Commissions now received by the Collectors are as follows: for the 1st 2nd and 3rd Wards, three per Cent; for the 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th and 10th Wards five per Cent; and for the 9th Ward 6 pr Cent; and the Total amount of Commission, agreeably, to the returns for 1819. was $13.560.21. The Committee propose that the Commissions be reduced to the following per Centage. For the 1st 2nd and 3rd Wards, two per cent, for the 5th 6th 7th 8th and 10th Wards four and a half per cent; and for the 9th Ward five and a half per Cent, which it is calculated will make at net saving of about $2000.

It is a subject worthy the consideration of the Common Council, whether some method may not be adopted by which the City Tax can be collected with equal convenience to our citizens [181] and at a much less expense than that now incurred. The direct tax levied by the General Government, during the late war, was collected by a single person, and at an expence, nearly seventy five per cent. less than that paid for collecting the city-tax; and it is believed that several of our sister cities pursue a similar system to that pursued by the United States. The Common Council of the City of Charleston possess the authority of taxing every species of property within their jurisdiction, not exempted by the Legislature of the State.

The ordinance on that subject enjoins it on the owners or agents of all taxable property, which is designated by the ordinance, to deliver a true and faithful return of the same to the City Assessor, at his office, with a correct description of the lands and tenements, and the number, situation and dimensions thereof; such return must be made under oath, and subject to a penalty for neglect of ten per cent. on the amount of tax; and a further penalty of double the amount of tax, for making a false return. And the City Assessor is enjoined to prepare a faithful assessment on the property thus returned, and deliver the same into the hands of the Treasurer; when any person conceiving his property to be over assessed, may, by making oath to the same, within a limited time, have the assessment reduced; and the Treasurer shall report all such cases to the Common Council. The assessments are then to be paid to the Treasurer, on or before a fixed period; and if any person shall neglect to pay his assessment by the time limited, the Sheriff shall levy on his goods and chattles, but if the goods and chattles are insufficient, then on his real estate. The Committee have merely suggested the foregoing, in the hope that it will meet with a candid consideration by the Board, and eventually lead to an improvement [182] of the City finances.

In order that the subjects intended by the Committee to be laid

before the Legislature, may be prepared and presented to that honorable body, they propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a bill to be presented to the Legislature at their present session, authorising the Corporation to assess on the real and personal estate in this city, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: and such additional sum, as will be sufficient to pay the quota of this county for the support of common schools, together with the insolvent returns of the present year, and the expense of collecting the whole amount.

Resolved, that he prepare a clause to the aforesaid bill, authorising the Collectors of the several wards to retain in their hands the following per centage, and no more, as a full compensation to each of them respectively. viz. for the 1st 2nd and 3rd Wards, two per cent; for the 4th Ward four per cent; for the 5th 6th 7th 8th and 10th Wards four and a half per cent, and for the 9th Ward five and a half per cent.

Resolved that he be further instructed to prepare a respectful petition and memorial to the Legislature, praying that an act may be passed, authorising the Comptroller to relinquish the claim he has set up for interest on the arrears of tax for the years 1815. 1816. and 1817. on the Corporation paying into the State Treasury the balance of said arrears amounting to $22.362.95.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) B. Crane. Stephen Allen.
S. P. Brittain. Samuel Tooker.
J. Hammond.

[183] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Waters Furman and Charles Dobbs p[r]aying some abatement on their contract for street manure reported,

The Street Committee to whom the annexed petition was referred,

Respectfully report, that they have given the subject due consideration, and are of opinion that it would be improper to grant the request of the petitioners, therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann.
(Signed.) Isaac Emmons.
S. P. Brittain.
Shivers Parker.

Which [was] approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of T R Birch reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, Respectfully report,
that they have carefully examined the subject, and are of opinion that the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

The owners of property on the Collect grounds must be aware that a settlement will continue to take place for some time to come, and that the pavements of those parts of the streets that cross that ground cannot retain [184] its position for any length (of time) before it must be relaid.

In the year 1818 the intersection *the intersection* of Collect and Leonard Street was paved, when the petitioner was charged $32.6 and which pavement was so sunk, that when the remainder of Collect street was paved last season, it was found necessary to repave this intersection, and the expense thereof in front of the petitioners property is $26.48.

Your Committee would also observe that whenever it becomes necessary to relay any intersection of a street that is connected with one that is paved by an ordinance of this Board the expence is included in the assessment, and is laid on the adjoining property. But in common repairs the expence of repairing the intersections do not amount to a sum worth the trouble and expence of laying an assessment, and is therefore paid by the Corporation.

They therefore submit the following resolution,

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Robert Swartwout
(Signed.) Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of Edward P Livingston reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Edward P. Livingston stating that he had been [185] called on by the Collector of the 1st Ward for the payment of personal Tax assessed on him, at N° 10 Greenwich Street, at which place he resides only a short time each year, that his usual place of residence is in Columbia County (Clermont,) where he has been uniformly assessed for his personal estate, and that he has paid the Tax for 1820. already in that County, and prays to be relieved from paying the amount assessed on his personal property in this City.

Report, that on examination of the case they find that the petitioner is owner of the House and Lot N° 10 Greenwich Street, that it is assessed to Robert L Livingston, as is the personal property also. The Collector conceiving that there had been an error made by the assessors in the name, and knowing the petitioner to be the owner and occupant called on him for payment. The Committee are satisfied that the usual place of residence of the petitioner, is in the County of Columbia, and that he is assessed and pays on personal property in that County, on a much larger amount, than that on which he is assessed in this city, and are therefore of opinion that the request of the petitioner ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 1st Ward be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on the personal property of Robert L. Livingston at N° 10 Greenwich street for the year 1820. and that he return the same in the List of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Charles Town. Ch^n
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.
John P Anthony.

[186] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Daniel Boardman reported,

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Boardman, stating that for four or five years last past, he had been rated by the Assessors and had regularly paid Tax on $15,000, personal property in the third Ward, and that for the year, 1820, they had increased the amount to $50.000, That he left the City in the early part of the summer, and did not return until the time for examining the book of Assessment had passed, consequently knew nothing of the increase until called on by the Collector for the payment of the Tax.

He applied to the assessors to know why they had rated him at that sum, they replied " they had been informed he had received a large sum of money from the General Government " which he says was true, but that it had been applied in building three large and expensive houses in the 3rd Ward, and the purchase of 16.000 Acres of land with the buildings &c on all of which he is rated and pays taxes, leaving his personal property not to exceed $20.000, on which he is willing to pay, and praying that it may be reduced to that sum.

Report, That they have given the case a careful examination, and being satisfied of the correctness of the particulars as set forth in the petition, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be

granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution;

[187] Resolved, that the Collector of the 3rd Ward be instructed to receive from Daniel Boardman One hundred dollars in full for personal tax for the year, 1820, and that he return the Balance in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town Ch.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom it was referred to enquire what would be the expence of enlarging the Park reported,

The Committee to whom it was referred to enquire what would be the expence of enlarging the Park, Report,

That according to the best estimate which they have been able to make, the whole amount of enlarging the Park, by adding to it all the ground between Ann Street, Nassau Street and the present Park, would be about Three hundred and thirty four thousand dollars.

That there might be assessed upon proprietors of land benefited by the improvement about the sum of Two hundred and eleven thousand dollars, leaving the sum of one hundred and twenty four thousand dollars to be paid by the Corporation.

That in the above estimate is included the sum of thirty four thousand dollars for widening Nassau Street and for Contingencies: so that if this sum be stricken out there will then remain ninety four thousand dollars to be paid by the Corporation.

[188] The Comittee being instructed only to report facts, have not thought it their duty to recommend any resolution upon the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. Jay.
(signed.) Saml Tooker.
Gerard DePeyster.
Chas Town.

Which was read and directed to be filed.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the French Benevolent Society reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the French Benevolent Society praying for a donation in support of that Institution, Report,

That the respectability of the applicants would induce the Committee to recommend a compliance with their petition, were they not perfectly satisfied, that the measure would be improper.

The Committee have on former occasions given their reasons why, in their opinion, the distribution of the public Charity should be solely made by the Commissioners of the Alms House, and they deem it unnecessary now to repeat them, and they therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Hammond,
B. Crane,
signed S P Brittain.
Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker.

[189] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Henry M Van Solingen and others reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Henry M Van Solingen and others, requesting the privelege to commute the quit rent on a grant for land fronting on Cortlandt and West streets, Report,

That the grant alluded to is dated the 6[th] day of February 1804, and is subject to an annual rent of $80.42. That the quit rents on all grants issued prior to the year 1804, as well as the commutation for such grants, are reserved by law to the Commissioners of the sinking fund, and that the grant held by the Memorialists, being issued subsequent to the time limited, is not entitled to the privelege of commutation, except by a special law for that purpose.

That a good portion of the resources of the Corporation is derived from their rents, and the Committee are unwilling to recommend a depreciation of those resources by commutation, and they therefore propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Memorialists.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen,
(Signed.) Samuel Tooker.
B. Crane.
J. Hammond

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[190] The same Committee presented the following communication on the subject of the fees allowed to the Peace Officers for taking vagrants to Bridewell.

The Finance Committee beg leave to inform this Board that on the 17th of November 1817, a resolution passed the Common Council, allowing to every officer 62½ Cents for bringing to the Police on process a prisoner that shall not be bailed, but who shall be committed, and afterwards discharged from Prison, or convicted.

The sum formerly allowed for these services was 31½ cents and it is presumed by your Committee that the sum was raised to 62½ Cents in conformity with the then price of living in this city; but as all the articles of consumption have fallen in price since the passage of the aforesaid resolution, and as the Corporation have reduced the pay of all the officers over whom they have controul, the Committee are of opinion that in this particular charge a reduction ought also to be made and they offer the following resolution accordingly,

Resolved that hereafter the sum of fifty cents and no more be allowed to every officer who shall bring to the Police Office, on process, a prisoner that shall not be bailed, but who shall be committed and afterwards discharged from prison, or convicted, and that this sum be charged in the Book of accounts kept in the Police Office between the officers of that Court and the Corporation

Respectfully submitted.

Stephen Allen.
Samuel Tooker.
(Signed.) J. Hammond,
B. Crane
S. P. Brittain.

[191] Whereupon the resolution proposed was adopted,

The same Committee on the subject of extending the Iron fence round the Park, reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a resolution instructing to enquire into the expediency of extending the Iron fence from its present termination to the lower end of the Park, on Broad Way, and to report an estimate of its expense, Report,

That the resolution above recited was adopted by the Common Council on the 24th day of July last, and although the Committee was sensible that a fence of some description would soon be necessary in consequence of the decayed situation of that which now encloses the Park in front of this Hall they nevertheless knew that the situation of

the Finances would not permit the expenditure during the present year, and they therefore concluded to omit reporting until the estimate for the present year was completed.

The subject which was referred to the Committee, only included that part of the Park fronting on Broad Way; but the situation of the whole line of fence is in such a state of decay, that the Committee have concluded to recommend to the Board that an Iron railing be erected extending from the Bridewell fence to the intersection of Broad Way and Chatham Street, and to be continued from thence up Chatham Street to the Goal fence.

The Street Commissioner, at the request of the Committee has prepared a plan of the fence, together with a description of the base, columns and other matters relative to the undertaking, which is herewith presented. He also furnished an estimate of the expense [192] for completing the whole work amounting to $15.622, and which is also presented with this Report.

The Committee beg leave to propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to advertise for and receive proposals, for the Mason, stone and iron work, necessary to the erecting an iron railing, commencing at the Bridewell fence, and extending around the Park to the Goal fence on Chatham Street, with base, columns and gates, agreeably to the plan and designation accompanying this report.

Resolved, that he be further authorised, under the direction of this Committee, to enter [in]to contracts with such competent persons whose estimates shall be the lowest, for the completion of said work; and that the contractors be bound to complete the same by the 1st day of September next.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Samuel Tooker.
(Signed.) J. Hammond.
B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.

Whereupon the resolutions proposed were adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of William King, reported,

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William King, Report,

that in a late report made on this subject, the Committee [193] stated that William King held the lease of a House and Lot belonging

to the Corporation N° 265 William Street, for the term of 7 years from the first day of May 1819, at the annual rent of $320.

That he came in possession of said lease for the purpose of securing a debt due him by Jacob Warner, the original bidder for the lease, for building a small tenement on the premises. That as he had voluntarily taken said lease, there appeared no good reason to the minds of the Committee why the Corporation should release him from his engagements without an equivalent, any more than others of their lessees who may be similarly situated by reason of the fall of rents.

The petition now referred to your Committee, however, differs from the former, inasmuch as the petitioner now offers to relinquish all claim to the building he has erected on the premises, if the Corporation will release him from the conditions of the lease; and the Committee having been creditably informed that the petitioner will be utterly unable to sustain the payment of the rent without a reference to his sureties, they have agreed to receive his Notes, endorsed by his sureties for $280 payable on the first days of March, April, May and June, being the amount of rent due to the first day of November last: and they recommend that he be released from the conditions of the lease on his making an assignment of all his right to the building erected on the premises, and they therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to receive from William King an assignment of the lease for the House and Lot N° 265 William Street, together with all his rights the building erected on the premises; and, that he advertise the said premises to be let from the first day of May next, with the [194] other public property.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
Sam[l] Tooker.
(signed.) J. Hammond.
B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller respecting certain public property, which in his opinion might be disposed of on Lease, reported the following resolutions which were adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a report from the Comptroller, covering a list of public property which in his opinion

may be disposed of by Lease, beg leave to report by offering the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the following property be rented to the persons herein after named, and for the terms and rents designated.

1st The room in the Engine house, Beaver Street to Maria Betts, for the term of one year, and at an annual rent of $100.

2nd The room in the Engine house in Rose Street, to R F Mott for the term of One year, from the 1st day of May next, and at a rent of $80.

3rd The Room in the Watch house Spring Street to John Requa, for the term of one year from the first day of May next and at a rent of $85.

[195] 4th The room in the Engine House Roosevelt Street to Catharine Killegrew, for the term of one year, from the 1st day of May next, and at a rent of $75.

5th The Lot of ground, corner of Wall and Nassau Street to Blackwell and McFarlain, for the term of one year from the first day of May next, and at *at* [a] rent of $100.

6th The Flagg Staff at the Battery to John DeClew for the term of one year, from the first day of April next, and at a rent of $350.

7th The House and Lot No 13 and the Lot No 18 on Water Street at Brooklyn, to Benjamin Smith for the term of 21 years from the 1st day of May next, at the annual rent of $300. with the privelege under the direction of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to remove the said house about 30 feet west, and with a condition, that he is to insure the said house from loss by fire, and to transfer the policy to the Corporation.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to advertise the following property to be rented from the first day of May next, and if the same shall not be rented by the 22nd Instant, that on that day it will be sold at Auction to the highest bidder on a lease of one or two years, as in the opinion of the Finance Committee will be most for the public interest.

1st 14 Cellars under the Washington Market,
2nd 9 Cellars under the Centre Market,
3rd 6 Cellars under the Catharine Market,
4th 1 Cellar under the Duane Market,
5th 1 Cellar under the Greenwich Market,

6th The rooms in the Engine House at Greenwich.
7th [196] The room in the Washington Market.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Allen,
Saml Tooker,
(Signed.) J Hammond,
B. Crane,
S P. Brittain.

The same Committee on the accounts of Judah Hammond Esquire, former public Administrator, and of Benjamin Prince Esquire, the present public Administrator, presented the following report, which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account rendered by Judah Hammond Esquire late public administrator, and of Benjamin Prince Esquire the present public Administrator Report,

" That they have examined the account presented by Mr Hammond, and find that a balance of Intestate Estates, remained in his hands on the 22nd Instant, after deducting his commissions, amounting to 9069 Dollars and 28½ Cents: And that they have also examined the accounts rendered by Mr Prince, and compared them with his Book, and find that there is a balance in his hands unclaimed, of Intestate Estates, and ready for publication agreeably to Law, amounting to $144.90; and that there is a further unsettled balance of receipts, during the year. 1820, amounting to $1549.53. The Committee propose the following resolution.

[197] Resolved, that the accounts alluded to in the foregoing report be filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

Respectfully Submitted.

Stephen Allen,
(Signed.) Saml Tooker.
B. Crane.
S. P. Brittain.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the project of a Law to regulate Inns and Taverns, communicated by the Society for prevention of Pauperism, reported,

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the project of a Law entitled " an Act to regulate the granting of licences, to keep Taverns, Inns, victualling houses, Ordinaries, &c &c to sell Wine, Brandy, rum, strong waters, Cider, beer, Ale, or other strong liquors in the City and County of New York, by retail, or by the

small measure, under the quantity of Five gallons, and for other purposes," communicated to the Common Council by the Society for the prevention of pauperism: Report, that the question of raising the minimum price of licences to retailers of Wines and spirituous liquors was before the Common Council in the early part of the last year, and was at that time referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, and that Committee, after considering the subject, deemed it improper to raise the minimum price of the retail licence; and your Committee apprehend that the Act referred to them, as above mentioned, would not, if passed into a Law, have the effect of diminishing the pauperism of this City, for reasons which must be obvious to the Board. Your [198] Committee are therefore of opinion that it is not expedient to request the passage of the said law. They recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is not expedient to desire the passage of the said law.

All which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed.) J. Hammond.
Stephen Allen.
Thomas Bolton.
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution. Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a petition to the Legislature, together with a Law authorising the Corporation to assess on property in the several Wards in this City a sum not exceeding in the whole One hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be applied to the rebuilding and regulating of the Battery, said sum to be assessed and collected in Instalments of Twenty five thousand dollars each year, and to be appropriated by the Supervisors on the several Wards as follows.

On the first Ward	$6.666.
On the second Ward	5.000.
On the third Ward	5.000.
On the fourth Ward	2.334.
On the fifth Ward	1.666.
On the sixth Ward	1.334.
[199] On the seventh Ward	1.000.
On the Eighth Ward	1.000.
On the Tenth Ward	1.000.
Total	$25.000.

Resolved that the Corporation be authorised to borrow the whole or any part of the said sum of $150.000 for the paying of which, together with the Interest, the proceeds of said Tax to be pledged.

Resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice agreeably to a Law of this State of the intention of the Corporation to make application for the aforesaid Tax, and the subject for which it is required.

Resolved, that on the passage of the aforesaid Laws the Street Committee be authorised, under the inspection of a Committee to enter into contract for building the wall agreeably to the plan and description submitted to the Board on the 13th December 1819, and also for filling the space between the contiguous ground and wall and for any other matter necessary to complete the whole plan.

The question being taken, on the above resolutions they were severally agreed to.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board whether Sylvanus Miller has complied with the conditions of certain Resolutions passed on 19th October 1818, relative to a grant for ground under water in front of the property of Margaret Miller his wife, and the payment of the assessment [200] on said ground; and also relative to the payment for a Gore of Land, in front of said property, the value of which was assessed on and paid by the Corporation.

[201 and 202 blank.]

[203] In Common Council. February 19th 1821.

Present. The Hon[l] Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A Jay Esq[r] Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
	Charles Town.
Robert McQueen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Stephen P Brittain.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
	Gerard DePeyster.
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the return received from the Keeper of the Bridewell or City Prison of the persons confined therein, which was directed to be filed.

A petition from T. W. Thorne to be permitted to construct a vault on Hudson Street next to the corner of Reade Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

[204] His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a letter from the Hon[l] John Williams a Senator of the United States, enclosing the draft of a Bill before the Senate for retroceding the land at the Battery to the Corporation and wishing to know if the Bill met the wishes of the Corporation.

The Bill authorises the President of the United States to retrocede to the Corporation the Lands at the Battery, either with or without the works erected thereon by the United States. The Mayor stated that agreeably to the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee of the Board on that subject, and of several of the Members whom he had consulted, he had replied to M[r] Williams that the Bill was in conformity with the wishes of the Corporation.

Whereupon the letter was directed to be filed.

An application of Sylvanus Miller for an advance on the award to him for land taken at Fulton Slip was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of William Cunningham of the town of Brooklyn on Long Island [205] was received stating that he is owner of certain Lots in Brooklyn formerly the property of Comfort and *and* Joshua Sands—that he understands an agreement was formerly made by the Corporation and said Sands, to grant to the said Sands for one cent a foot the land under water opposite said Lots on the East River, and praying said grant as Assignee of said Sands may be made to him, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Trustees of the Bank for Savings agreeably to the provisions of "an Act entitled an Act to Incorporate an Association by the name of the Bank for savings in the City of New York," presented their annual Report. By this it appeared that the Trustees had received from 5073 Depositors from the first of January to 31[st] December 1820 the sum of $342.085.23.

The Report was directed to be filed.

The petition of Abraham Frazee for relief from penalty incurred by driving his sled on the side walk in Liberty Street was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition of Richard Burnham for pe- [206] cuniary aid, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

An account of James L Bell, Sheriff of the City of New York, for services rendered by certain peace officers in attending on Courts with the accompanying Documents was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Joseph Warren Brackett and others enclosing an opinion of Richard Harrison and John Wells Esquires on the construction of the Acts of, 1816, and 1817, authorising the Corporation to take the block on Fulton Slip for a public Market was presented and referred to the Special Committee on that subject. It was also ordered that the opinion of the Counsel of the Board (Ogden Edwards,) and William Slosson Esquires be referred to the same Committee. It was further directed that the opinion of the last named Gentlemen be published in the papers employed by the Board.

A Petition from the Measurers of Grain recommending an amendment to the Law regulating the measuring of vegitables so as to make it compulsory to employ a measurer, and to reduce the *the* price of measuring to one cent per bushel: Also [207] remonstrating against the appointment of a Measurer for vegetables exclusively, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Thomas Foote for an appointment as an Inspector of Lime, was referred to the Special Committee appointed on the petition of the Measurers of Lime (M^{r} Brittain Chairman.)

A number of petitions from Farmers residing in King's and Queen's County praying for the erection of a Market at Fulton Slip were read, and referred to the Special Committee appointed on that subject. (Alderman Mann Chairman.)

It was resolved that an additional member be added to that Committee, whereupon, Alderman Anthony was appointed by the Mayor on said Committee.

A petition of Peter H Waterbury, for appointment as Overseer of the Convicts who work on the roads was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition of sundry citizens, employed as Oystermen complaining of the garrison of United States Troops stationed on Bedlows Island, stating that they obstruct them in the pursuit of their occupation, by taking them out of their Boats, and even threatening [208] to fire upon them if they followed their occupation nigh to said Island, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of William Ponsforde, holding stall N° 8 in Fly Market, and of Cornelius Chiviss holding Stall N° 39 Washington Market

praying to be permitted to exchange Stalls with each other was referred to the Market Committee.

A request of the said Chiviss and of John Brewer of the 14th August 1819, to be permitted to exchange stalls N° 50 and 39 Washington Market were referred to the same Committee, with authority to act in the premises as they judge advisable.

A Petition of James Gedney for appointment of Inspector of Fire Wood, was referred to the Committee on wharves, piers and slips.

A Petition of Benjamin Williamson for remission of fine for selling liquor at a house to which he had removed, without procuring a transfer on his licence, was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of the Butchers of Catharine and of Centre Market, complaining of Drovers and others slaughtering and selling Meat in the City without [209] paying fees therefor—was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of George Mills stating that he had been prosecuted by Alfred P Edwards in an action of assault and Battery—That the cause arose from the opposition of Edwards to Petitioner while endeavouring to carry into effect the orders of the Board of Health, and the petitioner did no more than his duty; and praying that the Attorney of the Board may be instructed to defend the suit commenced against him: Whereupon it was resolved that the Attorney *to* be directed to defend said suit against said Mills.

A petition that the sewer contemplated to be made in Thompson Street be immediately completed, and that Thompson Street be regulated from Canal to Broome Street and Grand Street from Sullivan Street to Broad way was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from sundry Auctioneers who are in the practice of selling goods at Auction in the Street in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets, stating that they understand there is a remonstrance against their selling at that place, and praying for the reasons stated in their petition that they may be permitted to continue their sales at that place, was read and referred [210] to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Addington, and of the Members of Fire Company N° 15 was received, stating that said Addington was on 8th November 1814 elected a Member of said Company, and has served in said Company until this time—that by some mistake his appointment has not been entered on the minutes of the Common Council and praying that a certificate of service may be given to him by the

Clerk, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Benjamin Disbrow and William M Hitchcock, contractors for Street Manure, praying that the fee for Inspecting a load of Manure may be reduced from three to two Cents per load, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Daniel Fash, for appointment of Inspector of lime, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Abraham Van Gassen complaining of an error in copying the Tax-Book of said Ward, by which his property was assessed as of the value of $12.000 instead of $1200. and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[211] A petition of William Cooledge, a native of Portland but having settled with his family in this City, and praying licence as a Butcher, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of the Trustees of Asbury African Church praying the grant of a piece of ground, near the Potter's Field for a burying place, was referred to the Committee on public Lands and places.

A petition of Right Carpenter, Lessee of House and Lot N° 73 Chatham Street, praying an extension of his lease was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of J. G Farrington was received stating that he had purchased from James Flanagan the Hay Scales at Harlaem, and praying to be appointed a weigher of Hay, and established at said place, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A petition of Ebenezer Knapp for further time for payment of an Assessment on him for widening Harman Street, was referred to the Finance Committee with power to grant the prayer of the same.

A Petition of Garrit Sickels praying relief from a mistake in an Assessment on him for Tax in the 10th Ward [212] In copying the Books the amount of his property being carried out $1800 instead of $800 was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of William Woodhull, Lessee of Lot N° 32 Peck's Slip, praying permission to assign said Lot to Edward Faill was referred to the Comptroller with authority to grant the request.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

Fire Engine Company N° 4.

John Van Bussum, Grocer N° 55 Robinson Street 3rd Ward
Vice, Augustus C Webb. Resigned.

N° 6.

George Barker Jun^r Carpenter N° 15 Catharine Street 7th Ward
Vice, Isaac L Burr. Resigned from ill health.

N° 9.

Joseph Christopher, Black Smith N° 117 Liberty do 6th do
Vice, William H. Valentine. Declined.
James Frey, House Carpenter, Broad do 1st do
Vice, Thomas Constantine. Resigned.

N° 13.

Peter H. Anderson, Cork Cutter N° 196 Water do 2nd do
Vice, Zeri Smith. Deceased.

N° 14

Samuel Y Coles Clerk, N° 218 Broadway 2nd do
[213] Vice, John D Brower. Time expired.
John Collard, Block & pump Maker, N° 55 Warren St 3rd Ward
Vice. Joseph Wentworth, Time expired.
Frederick Place, Druggist, N° 17 Park 2nd Ward
Vice, Cyrenus H Beers, Appointed Warden.

N° 15.

William Hatfield, Turner, N° 9 Chatham Street 4th do
Vice, Isaac V. Shoemaker, Joined City Watch.
Abraham Colon, Chair Maker, N° 216 W^m Street 4th do
Vice James Cregier, Time expired.

N° 16.

Isaac Vaughn, Butcher, N° 171 Washington St 3rd do
Vice, Peter Sharpe, Resigned.
Thomas Milderberger, Accountant N° 23 Nassau " 2nd do
Vice, James Brooks. Deceased.
John A. Cheesman, Mason, N° 68 W^m Street 1st do
Vice. John Harper Resigned.

N° 20.

William A Ackerman. Cooper, N° 146 Washington " 3rd do
Vice, Isaac W Bayley. Resigned.

N° 22.

John Benham, Brewer, N° 44 Cheapside Street. 7th do
Vice, Francis Secor. Expelled for neglect of duty.

N° 25.

Joshua C Rennett, Carpenter, Greenw[h] near Harrison Street 5[th] Ward
Vice. Thomas Mildeburger. Resigned.
William Leary, Carpenter, corner Peck's slip & Water " 4[th] do
[214] Vice. William Dilworth. Resigned.
Elijah Durand, Grocer, N° 72 Read Street 5[th] Ward
Vice. Christian M Heyle. Forfeited by not attending.
Henry Peacock, Hair-dresser, N° 111 Cherry S[t] 4[th] do
Vice, John A Butler, Forfeited by not attending.
John J Stought, Coach Maker, N° 4 Forsyth S[t] 10[th] do
vice, Samuel Wooley. Resigned.
Samuel Mills, Carpenter, N° 90 Orange S[t] 6[th] do
Vice. Robert Woods. Resigned.

N° 26.

Henry Townsend Jun[r] Carpenter N° 4 Eldrid[g]e S[t] 10[th] do
Vice, Thompson Price Resigned

N° 29.

Daniel S Hyde. Butcher Co[r] Washing[n] & Christopher 9[th] do
Vice Garrit Ackerman. Left the City.
William Van Tassel, Chair Maker, Perry S[t] 9[th] do
Vice. John Westervelt Resigned.

N° 31.

Henry V Weeks. Carpenter, N° 218 Church S[t] 5[th] do
Vice. Egbert Post. Expelled for neglect of duty.
Richard B Winant. Black Smith N° 221 Spring S[t] 8[th] do
Vice. Samuel Roome. Gone into the Country.

N° 34.

William Wilson, Mason, Bank Street 9[th] do
Vice. Jacob Blauvelt. Deceased.

N° 36.

Benjamin Ver Bryck, Black Smith
corner of Elm and Spring St. 8[th] do
[215] Vice, Henry Moore. Joined N° 23.

N° 41.

William Parker, Ho Carpenter, Grand & Arundel S[t] 10[th] do
Vice. Harrison Palmer. Expelled for neglect of Duty.

The Comptroller reported that the amount paid into the Treasury for commutation of Alien passengers from 1st November to 1st Instant was $420 which report was ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissr stated that as the lower end of Thompson Street was opened, the proprietors wished the contemplated Sewer to be immediately opened. Whereupon he was directed to give the legal notice of the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Sewer in Chapple Street, and a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collection of the same.

The Attorney reported the following complaints, which had been made to him, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices. viz. John Clarke for selling liquor without licence. William Niblo, William Miller, and Barney Vallillee. Inn keepers for permitting gambling in their houses.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correcting sundry

[216] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz

No 1	T. Bloodgood	Owner.	J. Morrison.	Occupant.	No	1 Batavia L	A privy
2	Mrs Sullivan	do	J Briggs and William Patterson.	Occupants	"	3 do	do
3	Mrs Thompson	do	L Lyons	do	"	5 do	do
4	P. Goelet	do	A Stevenson	do	"	6 do	do
6	F. Frazier	do	and	do	"	8 do	do
5	J. Rickets	do	L Smith	do	"	7 do	do
7	A Pence	do	E. Crane	do	"	9 do	do
8	Do Do	do	and	do	"	11 do	do
9	E Sneeden	do	and	do	"	16 do	do
10	C Thompson	do	H. Nelus	do	"	24 do	do
11	C Racey	do	J Hoffland	do	"	21 Oak	do
12	P. Golet	do	S. Forbes	do	"	23 do	do
13	L. Fisher	do	H. Fisher	do	"	24 do	do
14	Jas Smith	do	and	do	"	25 do	do
15	Henry Van Pelt	do	and	do	"	27 do	do
16	H. Pope	Owner	S Buckridge	do	"	30 do	do
17	Do Do	do	J Akennesen	do	"	32 do	do
18	F Taylor	do	and	do	"	34 do	do
19	G. Post	do	J. Hardman	do	"	35 do	do
20	P. Barry	do	and	do	"	18 Banker	do
21	J. Coster	do	and	do	"	20 do	do

22	Mrs Adams and Mrs Kerr	Owners.	Hugh Keney P. R Downing and M Hannigan	Occupts	No 21	Banker	A privy
23	[217] G. Warner	do	S Christy	do	23	do St	do
24	S. Allen	do	S. Dixon	do	228	Front "	do
25	J. Clark	do	G. L Ulshoeffer	do	290	do	do
26	W. F Baker	do	H. G. Havens	do	291	do	do
27	R. Legget	do	A Gracen	do	52	Cherry	do
28	J & A Thompson's Estate	do	D Thompson	do	61	Do	do
29	Widow Cox	do	and	do	63	do	do
30	John Mason	do			73	do	do
31	J. Post	do	T. Parks	do	76	do	do
32	T. Philips	do	C. Joslin	do	77	do	do
33	A Newell	do	G Thornton	do	78	do	do
34	Howard & White	do	C. Van Cleef	do	83	do	do
35	J. Hoffman	do	D Townsend	do	9	James	do
36	R Bannan and Richard Byrnes	Lessees	P. Green	Occupant	14	do	do
37	Phebe Dodge	Owner	and	do	25	do	do
38	W Mitchell	do	"	do	79	do	do
39	Js C Roosevelt	do	S. White	do	91	do	do
40	C. Kohler	do	J. D Brower	do	95	do	do
41	C Anderson	do	J. Snow	do	167	do	do
42	Sl Larned	Lessee	and	do	112	Bowery	do
43	Minturn & Champlin	Owners	J. Lean	do	325	Water	do
44	Reuben Legget	do	P. Reilly	do	328	do	do
45	Minturn & Champlin	do	W Davis	do	331	do	do
46	Wm Agnew,	Executor	Js Culbert	do	332	do	do
47	Minturn & Champlin	Owners	Mrs Hannon	do	333	do	do
48	[218] Minturn & Champlin	do	N. Peterson	do	333	do	do
49	S. Thorne	do	J. Daylock	do	335	do	do
50	Mrs Kavenagh	do	P. Dunfort	do	341	do	"
51	J. Clark	do	J. Barr	do	343	do	"
52	Do		D. Levy	do	343½	do	"
53	Wm Baker	Owner	C C Boliens	do	349	do	"
54	Estate Wm Everitt	do	A Atkinson	do	350	do	"
55	Wm Baker	do	J. Weaver	do	351	do	"
56	R. Legget	do	C. Corley	do	352	do	"
57	Do	do			354	do	"
58	Mr Kelly	do	Amos Dexter	do	357	do	"

59	Mrs E. Bunce	Owner	T. Mooney Junr	Occupant	382	Water	A privy
60	N. Prime	do	T. Garniss	do	4	Rosevelt	"
61	J. Jones	do	N Gray	do	8	do	"
62	J. Mildenberger	do	and	do	14	do	"
63	Peter Wynkoop	do	and	do	20 & 22	do	"
64	J Richardson	do	D Sherred	do	24	do	"
65	Mary Freeman	do	and	do	26	do	"
66	W. Mitchell	do	A Loyd	do	28	do	"
67	Sarah Mead	do	and	do	40	do	"
68	J. Grant	do	T Heath	do	48	do	"
69	Do	do	C. Horton	do	54	do	"
70	Do	do	J. Seaman	do	56	do	"
71	Wm Freeman	do	C. Morgan	do	60	do	"
72	Wm Tice	do	and	do	64	do	"
73	Js Russell	do			56	James	a Lot
74	[219]G Lorillard	do			6	Greene St	do
75	Wm W. Gilbert	do	P. Trotter & Wm McLean	Occupts		Bedford "	do
76	Peter Ogilvie	do				Rivington Street	do
77	Frederick De Peyster					Spring do	do

George Cumming
City Inspector

He also on the case of John A Hardenbrook, referred to him, reported that the Nuisance has been corrected, and also on the complaint of Dennis Kenan against the Slaughter House of John Davenport that no cause of complaint existed. Which Report was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented the draught of a Lease to David Dunham of the Ferry from the foot of Grand street to Morrells Point on Long Island; and a Quit claim Deed to Colonel Marinus Willett of a Lot of Ground formerly ceded by him to the Corporation in consideration of their establishing a ferry from the foot of Delancy Street to Williamsburgh, which Lease and Deed were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the following *the following* Memorials to the Legislature, and correspondent Bills to be enacted into Laws, which were directed to be duly authenticated, and transmitted to the Legislature. Viz a Law regulating the compensation of the District Attorney. The Clerks of the Sessions and Oyer and Terminer—The *Offi-* [220] Officers attending those Courts, and the Cryer.

A Law relative to taxes and assessments—A Law to amend the Law to provide against infectious and pestilential diseases, and a Law respecting the Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the City of New York.

He also agreeably to directions presented a report respecting the agreement with Silvanus Miller, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Freeholders and Lessees of real Estate in the City of New York presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration. It was also directed to be printed for the use of the Members, and published in the papers employed by the Corporation.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of Masters and Owners of Vessels frequenting the public slips praying a reduction of the yearly Wharfage reported.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of the Masters and Owners of Vessels usually frequenting the public Slips praying for a reduction [221] of the yearly Wharfage. Report,

That in the year, 1818, in consequence of the addition given to Vessels at the Public Docks, the yearly wharfage was advanced 50 per Cent on the then established price. That the amount paid by the Lessee in 1817, was $26.500. in, 1818, the year in which the Wharfage was raised $39.750. in the year, 1819, $37.000, and in the year, 1820, $34.760; being an advance, in the year that the price was raised, of 50 per Cent; in the second year 40 per Cent, and in the third year 31 per Cent. This annual reduction in the Rent, as your Committee are lead to believe, is owing in a great measure to a less number of Vessels resorting to the Slips than formerly.

The advance in the rate of Wharfage and the depressed price of produce brought to this market by the Vessels alluded to, together with the consequent reduction of their freight and earnings, may have induced them to seek accommodations at a less rate at the private Docks, and must account for the variation in the annual offers for the the Lease. These considerations have induced the Committee to believe that a moderate reduction in the price of Wharfage will not materially affect the Revenue derived from that source and they recommend the following as the future price of Wharfage, to take effect from and after the [222] first day of May next. Vessels coming to the Public slips between the first day of May and the last day of July inclusive, to pay 50 Cents per ton, and if between the first day of August and last day of October inclusive 40 Cents per ton; and if between the first day of November and the last day of January inclusive 25 Cents per ton, and if between the 1st day of February and the last day of April inclusive 12½ Cents per ton; and all vessels

of not more than five tons burthen to pay two dollars on her first coming to lie at any of the said Wharves or slips. The Committee beg leave to propose the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to report the Law on the foregoing subject, so amended as to conform to the rates of wharfage hereby recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
(signed.) Asa Mann.
Ab^{m} Valentine.
Harm^{s} Tallman.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Thomas Varien praying licence for stall N^{o} 10 Catharine Market reported

[223] The Market Committee to whom the petition of Thomas Varian was referred, praying for licence for stall N^{o} 10 Catharine Market, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Harm^{s} Tallman.
Charles Town.
(Signed.) Sam^{l} Tooker.
Stephen Allen.
Leonard Kip.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of 4th and 6th Wards on the communication of Noah Bartlett, reported:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Noah Bartlett, relative to the room lately occupied by him as a Court room situate in Tryon Row, and praying the same may be taken by the Corporation for a District Court,

Respectfully Report,

That they have had a conference with M^{r} Bartlett, and are of an opinion that the room ought to be taken at 100$ per annum, and would offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsellor of the Board be instructed to draw leases with the following provisions [224] viz. That the said Bartlett is to build in addition to the present room, a good and sufficient room for a Jury-Room, in size not less than Eight feet wide and Ten feet in length immediately adjoining the above described, and the

Corporation on their part are to be bound to keep the same, provided it shall be necessary for the convenience of the Court, for Four years from May next.

Respectfully submitted

(signed.) John P Anthony
B. Crane
R. McQueen.
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Mary Ludlow reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Mary Ludlow representing that she had been called on by the Collector of the 3rd Ward for Twenty five dollars personal tax for the year, 1820. that she had been assessed by mistake, has no personal property and prays to be relieved from paying said Tax.

Report, that they have given the case a careful investigation, and find that the petitioner is a [225] married woman whose husband lives in another Ward, where he is assessed and pays Taxes on his real and personal property, and that consequently she is not liable to be taxed. Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable and ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 3rd Ward be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on the personal property of Mary Ludlow, and that he return the same in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

(signed.) Chas Town. Ch.
John P Anthony.
Thos S Townsend.
Thomas Bolton.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Edward McLaughlin, in behalf of the Revd Mr Perine reported:

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Edward McLaughlin, in which he states that the Collector of arrears of taxes has served him with a notice (as agent and attorney for the Revd Doctor Matthew La Rue Perine, late of this City) to pay a balance of between eight and [226] nine dollars, which stands

debited on his Tax Book including Interest and advertising) for the year, 1819.

The above amount originally, was abated by Mr Cunningham, late Collector for the 8th Ward, because the Law entitled Doctor Paine as a Minister of the Gospel to such abatement, but, as that Reverend gentleman was not known by the Assessors as a minister, and as he not knowing his privelege, never attempted to avail himself of it by calling upon the Assessors as the Law directs, the Collector of arrears of taxes denies the right of Mr Cunningham to make the deduction. The petitioner concludes with praying that the abatement made by Mr Cunningham be confirmed, and the Collector be directed to cancel the balance which now stands against the property of Doctor Perine.

Report, that on an examination of the case they find that the tax in question was assessed, as appears by the Tax book, on the real estate of the Reverend Doctor Perine, that the Assessors knew him to be a minister of the Gospel, and assessed the property accordingly. The Committee are of opinion that Mr Cunningham had no right to make the abatement, and that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted

[227] Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

(signed.) Chas Town. Ch.
John P Anthony
Thos S Townsend
Thomas Bolton.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Assessment for regulating and working the 3rd Avenue Reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for regulating and working the third Avenue, report,

That they have had the subject under consideration; that the persons assessed have been heard by Counsel in opposition to the report.

That among other objections to the confirmation of the report it was contended that the Corporation did not possess the power of imposing an assessment for working the Avenue.

That the Committee have procured the opinion of John Wells. Esqr upon this subject (which is herewith submitted) from which it appears to the satisfaction of the Committee that the Corporation do not possess (have not) the right of imposing such assessments. Your

Committee are there- [228] fore of opinion that it is inexpedient for the Board to make any further order upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed.) Chas Town. Ch.
John P Anthony.
Thomas Bolton.
Thoˢ S Townsend.

Opinion of John Wells Esqʳ

The third Avenue has been opened, I presume, under the sections of the "Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York in to one Act" which one [is] entitled "opening and laying out Streets &ᶜ" beginning at the 177 Section. The questions submitted to me, do not, as I understand relate to any proceedings under those sections for the opening of the Avenue, but to the manner in which the expences of making the Street or Avenue fit to be travelled over, after it was opened, are to be borne. An estimate and assessment has been made, as I am informed, of those expences, under the 175 Section of the Act already referred to. The first enquiry therefore is whether the third Avenue is a Street within the meaning of that section, or whether it is to be considered a public road or highway, within the meaning of the 193 Section of the same Act. The subject is by no means [229] free from difficulty, tho' from the reflection I have been able to bestow upon it, I incline to consider the third Avenue rather in the latter than in the former light. It is now the direct and nearest road to and from Harlaem Bridge, and if not already, will no doubt soon be substituted almost wholly; for the purposes of travelling instead of the old road.

The expence of making and regulating this Avenue appears to me therefore to come, rather within the powers and duties of the Corporation as Commissioners of highways than within those given by the 175 section of the above act. It is true that this Avenue, is also a street, but so is every highway, indeed they are in some respects convertible terms; and yet it is manifest that in other respects they are not so, and that the Corporation are invested with different powers relative to Highways from what they are to Streets, merely as such. The Sections already alluded to shew this. What then is to distinguish one from the other so as to give operation to the different powers of the Corporation? I should think a fair practical rule was this; that a street is to be considered a highway and regulated accordingly— where it forms one of the great outlets and inlets of the City on the

Island, beyond the condensed occupation which is confined to City lots, properly so called. There may be some difficulty in always fixing on the proper boundary between streets [230] and highways in this sense, but it is apprehended that it may generally be done without much injustice

A rule of this kind might at all events, as it appears to me, be fixed on with more fairness than by going to the other extreme, and considering the Avenue at its termination at the Bridge as much a street as if [it] was in the heart of the City, and subjecting the adjacent proprietors to the same regulations.

The p[h]raseology too, of the 175 section favours this construction, as does that of the 194. The expences to be incurred under the first section are directed to be equitably assessed "among the owners or occupants of all the Houses and Lots intended to be benefited thereby." The expression of Houses and Lots is well understood when applied to the part of the City which is built upon, or laid out into building lots to be used for that purpose, and having no other use or value. It could not however apply to the great portion of the land through which the Third Avenue runs, which has been, and for a long time to come can only be valuable as lands for the purposes of agriculture or Country residences. The 194 section also provides for the erecting of Causeways and Bridges on the public roads or highways, and cuting ditches from them—Now it would seem that wherever Causeways, Bridges and Ditches [231] were required on a Street or Road, and it is believed they were all put on the third Avenue, it would be natural to consider it a public road or high way, in contradis[tinc]tion to a street bounded by houses, and Lots fit only for houses. I am constrained therefore to think that the expences of making the third Avenue fit for use, as it has been, must be provided for by the Corporation in their character of Commissioners of highways, and not under the powers given to them by the 175 Section.

I am also desired to state my opinion whether supposing the expences of regulating the third Avenue, are to be estimated and assessed under the 175 section, the labour of the Convicts imprisoned in the City of New York would form a proper charge in making such an estimate. The expense of supporting the Convicts is borne by the City at large, as a County charge. The Corporation are authorised by the 242 section of the Act already referred to [to] employ those Convicts "in and about public work, or otherwise." There is no power given, however to make any charge for their labour, and I cannot think the Corporation entitled to do so; They could not employ them

at all, except under the law referred to, which must therefore be strictly followed, and as that is silent about compensation I do not see how it can be asked. Their labour, it would seem, was intended for public benefit, and ought to be- [232] long to those at whose expense they are supported.

The value put upon the labour of the Convicts ought not therefore, in my opinion to have entered into the estimate of regulating the expense of the third Avenue.

(signed.) John Wells.

Which having been read, the same was ordered to be filed.

A Report was received from the Reverend John Stanford detailing his Ministerial services during the past year at the Establishment at Belle Vue, at the Bridewell and at the Debtors Prison—Which being read, it was ordered that the same be printed. Mr Sanford having in his report suggested the propriety of making an allowance of fuel, during the winter season for the use of the Chapple in the Debtors prison that subject was referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to make such regulations on the subject as they should judge advisable.

It was also referred to the same Committee to report as to the compensation it would be proper to make to the Reverend Mr Sanford for his services, during the last year.

The Ferry Committee to whom was re- [233] ferred the petition of Isaac Chauncey reported;

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Commodore Chauncey, relating to the repairs done upon the road leading to Hell Gate ferry by Robert Lattimore and Co and requesting the Corporation to pay one half of the expense for such repairs, Report,

That they have had the subject under consideration, and that they have consulted E. W King and George Buckmaster Esquires two of the then Ferry Committee, who state that they were at Hell Gate Ferry for the purpose of examining the Ferry &c and that they then found the road in a very bad state, particularly, that part opposite to the Ferry House, which was so much gullied in consequence of heavy rains, that it was almost impassable with carriages—They further state that Commodore Chauncey enquired of them whether the Corporation would join him and his Neighbors in the expense of repairing said road, to which they replied that they had not authority to make an engagement to this effect, but that they had no doubt that the Cor-

poration would pay their proportion of such expense, They also express their belief that Commodore Chauncey employed Robert Lattimore and Co. in repairing the road

In consequence of this intimation; the whole amount of the Bill for repairing said road is $253.37/100 [234] one half of which has been paid by Commodore Chauncey and his Neighbors.

The Committee deem it sufficient to present to the Board this statement of facts in this case, leaving it to them to determine whether the petition shall be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos S Townsend.
(signed.) John P Anthony.
Asa Mann.

Alderman Townsend presented a resolution directing the Comptroller to report a Warrant in favor of Robert Lattimore and Co for $126.28, being one half the Bill for the repair of the road leading to Hell Gate Ferry. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

Mr Brittain presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, that all Ordinances hereafter reported to the Board by the City Inspector which appertain to the filling up of any Lot or Lots (when in his opinion the cost will exceed $100.) that all such ordinances take a reference to the Street Committee to report thereon.

A request of Mr Garrit Gilbert to be [235] permitted to use for a short time the room formerly occupied by him as Register for the purpose of writing up the Indices of the Conveyances and Mortgages yet unfinished, was referred to the Committee on public Offices, with authority to grant the request.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the laws revised relative to removal of filth and dirt from the Streets, and the law regulating the lying of Vessels at the public slips, and to establish the rates of wharfage, were read and approved.

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[238] Special Meeting.
In Common Council. February 26th 1821.

Present. The Honl Cadwallader D Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A Jay Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S. Townsend.	Abraham Valentine
Leonard Kip.	Benjamin Crane
John P Anthony.	Charles Town.
	Shivers Parker.
Robert McQueen.	Stephen P Brittain
Asa Mann.	Isaac Emmons.
David Board.	Gerard DePeyster.
	Judah Hammond.
Stephen Allen	

The reading of the Minutes of the former meeting was dispensed with.

The Mayor informed the Board that he had summoned this Meeting at the request of the special Committee on the subject of the proposed Market at Fulton Slip.

[239] The Special Committee on the subject of the proposed Market at Fulton Slip presented a report which was read, and on motion the same was laid for consideration, and was directed to be printed for the use of the Members, and published in the papers employed by the Board. It was also ordered that the opinion of Mr Slosson and the Counsel on the subject of said proposed Market be also printed for the use of the Members together with the said Report of the Committee.

A communication of Joseph Coppinger in relation to the construction of the proposed Market at Fulton Slip was read and laid on the table.

Alderman Tooker presented the following resolution. Resolved, That the Evening Post be discontinued as an advertising paper for this Board, and that the American be substituted in its place. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative

The Ayes and Noes having been called by the Recorder. were as follows.

Ayes. Tooker, Anthony, McQueen, Mann, Board, Allen Mr Crane, Town, Parker, Brittain, Emmons, Depeyster, Hammond. 13.

Noes. Mr Recorder. Aldn Townsend. Kip. Mr Bolton. Valentine. 5.

[240] The Board then resumed the consideration of the revised laws, when the following laws were adopted.

1st A law relative to the Park, Battery and Bowling Green.

2nd A law to regulate digging of Vaults, and the construction of Cisterns in the Streets, and for other purposes.

3rd A law to prevent the firing of guns, and discharging of Rockets, squibs, crackers. and other fire works, and for other purposes.

4th A law for removing snow and ice from the side walks and gutters.

5th A law to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchandize.

6th A law to prevent fraud in the sale of vegetables.

7th A law to prevent the blowing of Horns and other Instruments.

And a law to regulate pawn brokers, and dealers in the purchase and Sale of second hand furniture Metals or clothes.

The law to prevent the ringing and tolling of bells for funerals which was on 27th November last laid for consideration was called up. A clause being under consideration which prohibited the ringing a Bell of any church in the city on sunday more than one hour before the commencement of Divine [241] service in said church, Alderman Mann moved that the section do not extend to the 7th Ward, it passed in the Negative.

The Ayes and Noes being called by Mr Crane were as follows.

Negative. Mr Recorder. Aldn Tooker, Townsend Anthony, McQueen, Board, Mr Bolton, Valentine, Crane, Town. 10.

Affirmative. Aldn Kip Mann, Allen, Mr Parker, Brittain, Emmons, Depeyster, Hammond. 8. The Question was taken on the Clause— and it passed in the Negative

The question was taken then on agreeing to the law, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The Counsel agreeably to directions presented the draught of a law to provide for the expence of extending the Battery, which was read and after some discussion was referred to him for amendment.

He accordingly to the reference to him reported with the amendment that had been suggested a Memorial to the Legislature, and corresponding bill relative to raising a Tax for the improvement of the Battery, which being read was in the words following.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen [242] and Commonalty of the City of New York,

Respectfully sheweth,

That within the two last years in consequence of a violent storm, the greater part of the Bulk-head of the West side of the Battery in said City gave way, and a large quantity of earth was washed into the River. That as your Memorialists must necessarily be subject to a heavy expense in repairing the injury they deem it proper, as well for the purpose of preventing the recurrence of a similar misfortune in future as of rendering the Battery more commodious as a place of recreation, that a reef of rock should be sunk in front of it, a stone wall erected thereon, and that the intermediate spaces between the wall and the Battery should be filled in with earth. That in order to carry their intentions into effect they must necessarily be subject to a very heavy expense, far beyond what the ordinary revenues of the City would enable them to meet.

Your Memorialists further shew that as by extending the Battery they must encroach upon the navigable waters of the State, they are unwilling so to do without first obtaining the sanction of your Honorable body.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that [243] your Honorable body would be pleased to pass a law authorising your Memorialists to [impose] an annual Tax of Twenty five thousand dollars upon all the Wards of the said City except the Ninth, and in the proportion stated in the bill herewith submitted until a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be raised. And to vest in your Memorialists the soil under water within six hundred feet of the Battery.

Your Memorialists have caused a Bill to be prepared for these purposes which will be herewith submitted, and which they pray may receive the sa[n]ction of your Honorable body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

An Act to provide for the expense of extending the Battery in the City of New York, and for other purposes.

I. Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to extend that part of the said City usually called the Battery into the Bay and North and East Rivers such distance as they may deem proper, not exceed-

ing six hundred feet: And further that all the title of the people of this [244] State in and to the land and the land under water in front of and adjoining to the said Battery and extending from thence into the Bay and North and East Rivers a distance not exceeding six hundred feet shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their successors for ever to remain for the purpose of extending the said Battery for a public walk, and for erecting public buildings and works of defence thereon, but without any power to dispose of the same for any other use or purpose whatsoever, and without any power of selling it or any part thereof.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City or a Majority of them, of whom the Mayor or Recorder shall be one, shall be and are hereby authorised and required as soon as conveniently may be, after the passing of this Act. and once in each and every year thereafter, until a sum which will be sufficient to defray the expense of extending the Battery as hereinafter mentioned, not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, shall be raised, to order and cause to be raised by tax on the estates real and personal of the freeholders and [245] Inhabitants of and situated within the Wards of the said City hereinafter mentioned, and to be collected the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars, which sum shall be assessed and taxed on the said Wards in the proportion herein after mentioned, to wit: On the first Ward of the said City the sum of six thousand six hundred and sixty six dollars: On the second Ward the sum of Five thousand dollars; on the Third Ward the sum of Five thousand dollars: On the Fourth Ward the sum of Two thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars: On the Fifth Ward the sum of One thousand six hundred and sixty six dollars: On the Sixth Ward the sum of One thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars: On the Seventh Ward the sum of One Thousand dollars: On the Eighth Ward the sum of One thousand Dollars, and on the Tenth Ward the sum of One thousand dollars.

III. And be it further enacted that the said tax shall be assessed, levied and collected in the manner directed by the Act entitled "An Act for the Assessment and collection of taxes."

IV. And be it further enacted, That the whole of the money which shall be so raised, shall be appropriated towards defraying the expenses which have or may be incurred by extending the Battery as aforesaid.

[246] The question being taken on approving the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Allen were as follows.

Ayes. Mr Recorder. Aldn Tooker, Townsend, Kip. Mann. Mr Bolton. Crane, Brittain. Town. Depeyster. 11.

Noes. Aldn Anthony. McQueen. Board, Allen. Mr Parker, Emmons, Hammond. 7.

It was then directed to be duly authenticated, and transmitted to the Legislature now in session.

The law to regulate and licence Chimney sweepers was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

[247] In Common Council. March 5th 1821.

Present. Peter A Jay Esquire. Recorder. President,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
	Charles Town.
Robert McQueen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann	
David Board	Isaac Emmons.
	Gerard De Peyster
Stephen Allen.	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting, and of the Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Letter was presented which had been received from Clarkson Crolius Esquire one of the Members of the House of Assembly from the City and County of New York, enclosing a Law which had been transmitted to them by Mr Hildreth in relation to the a[l]phabetical Index to the Records in the Office of the Register in and for the [248] City and County of New York, and expressing the wish of the Delegation to be informed of the opinion of the Corporation respecting said Law: Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Laws, say, on Public Offices.

A Petition of David S Brooks praying relief from an undue Assessment for personal Tax on him.

A similar petition from Gilber[t] L Thompson

A similar Petition from Doctor Wm Moore.

A Petition from George J Banks praying relief from an assessment on his personal property, when through a mistake the value of his property was carried out in the Assessors Books at $17.000, instead of $17.000.*

A petition from William Moore, for relief from Tax on his real Estate, which by mistake was carried out in the Books at $18.000. instead of $18.00. And

A petition of Alfred S Pell for relief from personal tax for the year 1820. he having been assessed for and paid personal tax in the County of [249] Dutchess, were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of J. Bradley for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Philip Hone Lessee of Hobo*bo*ken Ferry, was received stating that, as Lessee of Ferry he had covenanted to put another Horse Boat on said Ferry, which he was about doing when he was served with a Declaration in Ejectment from M^r^ John Stevens Proprietor of Hoboken for the purpose of reentering on said Ferry:

As the Issue of said suit is uncertain, he prays he may be excused putting said Boat on the Ferry until the termination of said suit, and should that be adverse to petitioner's claim, that the Corporation would assign to him some other place for his ferry on the Jersey shore.

Which having been read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of John Bailey for payment of balance due him on Contract for North Street, was referred to the Finance Committee, with power to grant the prayer of the petition.

[250] A petition from the Inhabitants of Varick Street praying that the Intersection of Varick and Canal Street, and the side walks from Beach to Van Dam Street may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Henry N Disbrow for appointment as Measurer of Grain.

Of William M^c^Kean for appointment of Inspector and Measurer of Lumber.

Of Ebenezer Nickerson for appointment of Street Inspector.

And

Of James Burgess for appointment to some Office were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Charles H Robinson for relief from a penalty incurred by shipping 15 barrels of flour without having them inspected

* Clerk's error for $1700.—ED.

arising from his ignorance of the Law, was referred to the Police Committee, with power to remit the penalty accruing to the Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Toms for appoint [251] ment as Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of the Watchmen of the 1st Watch District praying that a person may be employed at the expence of the Corporation to sweep the floor of the Watch House, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial was presented from a Committee appointed by the General society of Mechanics and Tradesmen in the City of New York praying for Lease of a Lot of ground fronting on Chamber Street for the purpose of erecting a Mechanics School, and Apprentices Library. The said Lot is at present under Lease to William Mooney, with whom the Committee think they could make the requisite arrangement for the assignment of the Lease. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Miller a Watchman who while in the exercise of his duty as a Watchman had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes by the riotous act of a person in the Watch house, and praying for some appointment or aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[252] An Account of George B Raymond and other Peace officers for fees for serving subpœnas in February Term 1821. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants of Harlaem in the 9th Ward, stating that the Scales used by James Flannagan for weighing of Hay were incorrect and false, and praying said Flannagan may be removed from the office of Weigher of Hay, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Smith Bloomfield for payment of Balance due to him on Contract for building the Sewer in Chapple Street, was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of Cornelius Brown for appointment as Inspector of Lime, was read and referred to the Special Committee on the Petition of Measurers of Lime, of which Mr Brittain is Chairman.

A Memorial of Thomas Gibbons in behalf of the Butchers of the City, remonstrating against the regulations respecting the sales at [253] Public Auction of the stalls in the several Markets of the City as proposed by the Resolutions in the Report of the Special Commit-

tee on the proposed erection of a Market at Fulton Street, was read and referred to the said Special Committee.

A Petition of Jane De Gray for further time for payment of an Assessment on a Lot in Harman Street, assessed for expences in opening said Street, was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of Thomas Lovett for payment of amount due to him on Contract for regulating and filling in Dey Street from Washington Street to the Bulk head, was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of Henry K Frost was received, stating that he is one of the Marshals of said City, and received an Execution from the Attorney of the Board against Samuel Kline, upon a judgment recovered against him for selling meat in the Market without licence. And that by direction of the Attorney he levied upon some meat said Kline had on his stall in the Market. That said Kline prosecuted him therefor, and a Judgment has been recovered against him [254] and praying to be indemnified therefor. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of Isaac C Loper, for relief from a Judgment recovered against him for forestalling Petitioner alledging the articles sold by him were sent to him from the Country for sale, was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to grant relief.

The following Firemen were appointed, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Hose Company N° 1.

William Angevine, Grocer, N° 74 Mott Street. 6th Ward
Vice. George Shaffer. Resigned.

Hook and Ladder N° 2.

Thomas D Beaty, Grocer, N° 52 Chatham Street. 6th Ward
Vice. Joseph Carman. Left the City.

N° 4 Hook & Ladder

John Varick, Butcher N° 51 Pump Street 10th do
Vice. David M C Mills. Resigned.

John Winchell, Grocer, N° 86 Hester Street. 10th do
Vice. Joshua Sawyer Resigned

Fire Engine N° 1.

Jacob Haff. Clerk, Greenwich N° [450] 5th do
Vice. Thomas Whitechurch. Served time out.

N° 4.

Jacob Skates, Cooper N° 5 Anthony Street 5th Ward
[255] Vice. William C Burt. Resigned in consequence of ill health.

N° 24.

Joshua Sawyer, Victualler, Fly Market. 1st Ward
Vice. William H Earl. Expelled for improper conduct.
Michael T Shires, Cabinet Maker, Reed Street. 6th do
Vice William Brown, Resigned.

N° 28.

John Francis, Carpenter, Love Lane 9th do
Vice. John Edwards Jr Expelled for non attendance
Nathaniel M Brown, Grocer, corr Walker & Church 5th do
Vice. John Craft. Resigned.

N° 30.

John A Yoemans. Ship Carpenter. Rivington St 10th do
Vice. Lawrence Devoe. Moved to the Country.

N° 32.

John W Degrauw, Grocer, corr Bowery & Hester St 10th do
Vice. David Seaman, Appointed a Fire Warden.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that the Sewer in James' Street was wholly decayed and that it was necessary that a new one be constructed, which was referred to the Canal Committee.

He also presented returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants, were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector to collect the same. viz

For opening Howard, Grand, Mercer, Greene, Wooster and Thompson Streets	$4.383.97
[256] For paving Collect Street	868.62
For regulating Bedford Street	31.97
For paving Washington Street	34.63
For Well and Pump in Varick Street	47.25
For Well and Pump in Forsyth Street	35.
	$5.401.44

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz.

No						
1	James Stewart	Occupant	48	Courtlandt	St	A privy
2	N. Conklin	do	6	Bayard	"	do
3	Westervelt & Quackenbos	do	177	Greenwich		do
4	F D Brown	do	30	Bowery		do
5	William Palmer	do	32	do		do
6	Samuel C Jaques	do	52	Dey St		do
7	J. McCann	do	54	do		do
8	J. Mallow	do	5	Banker		do
9	Wm Atkinson	do	5½	do		do
10	Wm Silkworth	do	1	Chesnut	do	do
11	Mrs Tilhurst	do	8	do	"	do
12	I. Baptist	do	10	do	"	do
13	G Tredwell	do	11	do	"	do
14	Wm Farrell	do	27	do	"	do
15	Doctor T Lyon	do	5	Roosevelt	"	do
16	[257] J. Dyer	do	11	do	do	do
17	Richd Jones	do	13	do	do	do
18	J. Jones	do	25	do	do	do
19	McKeever	do	47	do	do	do
20	L Arion	do	51	do	do	do
21	Whitlock & Seely	do	57	do	do	do
22	Wm Donnington	do	63	do	do	do
23	Josh Hill	do	65	do	do	do
24	Mary Ann Smith	do	67	do	do	do
25	John Burr	do	81	do	do	do
26	Hilton Newcomb	do	83	do	do	do
27	G Cullen	do	85	do	do	do
28	Mrs Alexander	do	5	Dover	do	do
29	Samuel Bills	do	280	Water	do	do
30	S. *Meliors* [Mealio]	do	280½	do	do	do
31	C. Brown	do	290	do	do	do
32	A L Degrove	do	298	do	do	do
33	Wm Little	do	300	do	do	do
34	Wm Heronbrook	do	302	do	do	do
35	M Rogers	do	304	do	do	do
36	T. Morris	do	306	do	do	do
37	Pr Lovell	do	308	do	do	do
38	Saml H Brower	do	312	do	do	do
39	Fr Knowland	do	314	do	do	do
40	Wm Mc Alister	do	318	do	do	do
41	Cs Collins	do	4	Cherry	do	do
43	[258] William McElvin	do	8	do	"	do
44	J. Underhill	do	8½	do	"	do
45	Dr Hy Webb (W)	do	10	do	"	do
46	Maria Day	do	19	do	"	do
47	Cs W. Loss	do	23	do	"	do
48	F Dominic	do	31	do	"	do

49	H. Y Delafield	Occupant	32	Cherry St	A privy
50	Mrs Stebbins	do	36	do "	do
51	Abm Mercerau	do	40	do "	do
52	Mrs Logan	do	93	do "	do
53	Mrs Cliffland	do	1	Oak "	do
54	John Andrews	do	9	do "	do
55	Mary Hobbs	do	10	do "	do
56	William Wood	do	14	do "	do
57	Joseph Loyd	do	15	do "	do
58	Whitlock & Seely	do.	16	do "	do

(signed.) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Attorney presented the following Report of complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.
viz against Robert Wauchope for selling liquor without licence. Against Thomas Devoe, William Demarest, Elizabeth McCoy, James McKeever and Henriette Cochran for a similar offence.

[259] The Counsel presented a Memorial to the Legislature and corresponding Bill respecting Interest charged on the Arrears of certain Taxes which was directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

He also presented the Draught of a Lease from Noah Bartlett to the Corporation of a Room for the accommodation of the Assistant Justice for 4th and 6th Wards which was directed to be executed on the part of the Corporation.

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that Cornelius Harsin has paid to the Treasurer the amount due by him for filling the Block at Charlton Street, North River. His proportion of the Contract is Principal and Interest $2599.78.

It is respectfully recommended that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare a satisfaction piece for cancelling the Mortgage on record, and that the Mayor be authorised to affix his signature thereto, with the seal of the Corporation, to be delivered with the Bond and Mortgage to Mr Harsin.

(signed.) G. N. Bleecker. Compr

which was referred to the Counsel to prepare the necessary satisfaction piece to be executed under the Corporate seal during the recess of the Board.

[260] The Committee on applications on the petition of Samuel Bleeker Junr reported,

The Committee of applications to whom was referred the an-

nexed petition of Samuel Bleeker Junior praying to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, Report, [they] are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution,

Resolved that Samuel Bleeker Junior be, and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

(Signed.) David Board.
Gerard DePeyster

Which was approved, and he was appointed a Measurer of Grain, accordingly.

The same Committee, on the petition of Daniel Fash for appointment of Measurer of Lime, presented a report in his favor, which was laid for further consideration.

The Committee of Charity on the subject of compensation to the Reverend John Stanford presented the following report,

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Rev^{d} John Stanford, as to making him a suitable compensation for his services at the City Prison, Jail, Penitentiary and Alms House, Report, that they consider his services as very valuable [261] at those establishments, and that he should be suitably rewarded therefor. The services of this Gentleman being well known to the Members of this Board the Committee deem it unnecessary to say more—but beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Warrant pass in favor of the Reverend John Stanford for the sum of Three hundred Dollars, for his past year's services.

respectfully,

Shivers Parker.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
David Board.

Which was approved, and Warrant directed to be issued.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Right Carpenter presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Right Carpenter praying for permission to erect a fire proof House on a Corporation Lot held by him under lease, and that the said Lease may be renewed at the expiration of the present term, Report,

that the Lot alluded to is situated at N^{o} 73, Chatham Street, and is 13 feet front and rear, and 65 feet deep. That the annual rent of said Lot is [262] $150. and that the present Lease will expire on the

1st day of May 1825. The Committee were of opinion it would be impolitic to grant a partial renewal of this Lease, as the precedent might occasion much perplexity, and induce numerous applications for a similar favor, and they therefore, on a former occasion, reported unfavorable to this petition; but on a further examination of this subject, and from a certificate of Samuel Howell, House Carpenter, and John Rogers Mason, attached to the petition under consideration, it appears that the building now on the Lot is so much injured by age, and the damage sustained by the late fire in Chatham Street, that it is not worth repairing; and that the petitioner will, therefore, be unable to derive a sufficient income from the premises, in its present state, to pay the rent reserved to the Corporation. Under these circumstances the Committee are induced to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be conditionally granted, and they offer the following resolution, accordingly,

Resolved, that the Lease of the Lot held by Right Carpenter be renewed for 21 years, after the expiration of the present Lease, the rent to be fixed by appraisers in the usual way: and that such lease contain a condition for another re- [263] newal of 21 years, in addition to the last mentioned term, on payment for the improvements at their value, at the option of the Corporation

Provided, and on condition that the said Right Carpenter, shall, previous to the expiration of two years from this present date, erect on the said Lot a brick building with slate roof, the walls thereof to be of the best hard brick, and the gable ends one brick, or 8 Inches thick, and the front and rear one and a half bricks, or 12 Inches thick with party or fire walls as directed by the Law on that subject.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.) Stephen Allen,
Saml Tooker.
J. Hammond
B. Crane.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of B. Fleury reported,

The Committee on Assessments to *whown* [whom] was referred the petition of B Fleury, stating that he has paid $22.40 to the Collector of the 4th Ward for personal Tax, as assessed for 1820. That he has little or no personal property, and prays that a part of the tax which he has paid, may be refunded.

[264] Report, that they have examined the Assessors of the 4th Ward on this subject, who said "That the assessment on the petitioner's property was in consequence of information received from his Neighbors, and on their own knowledge of his affairs; and that they have no reason to doubt its correctness." Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. And respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Chs Town, Ch
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Garrit Sickels reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Garrit Sickels, stating that he is the Owner of House and Lot No 7 Essex Street in the 10th Ward. That said property was assessed by the Assessors of the Ward for 1820 at $800. and that in transcribing, it is entered in the Tax book $1800. by which mistake he has paid tax on $1000. more than the Assessors intended he should and prays that the same may be refunded.

[265] Report, that they have examined the original book of Assessments of the 10th Ward for 1820, which with the certificate of the Assessors attached to the petition, has satisfied them that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable and ought to be granted. The following resolution is respectfully submitted, Resolved,

That the Collector of the 10th Ward be instructed to refund to Garrit Sickels, the tax on $1000 overpaid by him on House and Lot No 7 Essex Street for the year 1820, and that he return the same in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Charles Town. Ch
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Frederick G Bull reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Frederick G Bull, of the 3rd Ward, praying to be relieved from paying a tax of $25. on personal property, which he considers excessive and out of all proportion to what he is really worth

Report, that they have had the petitioners case under consideration, and are of opinion that he is not entitled [266] to relief. The Committee in this, as well as in former cases, have adopted one uniform rule, that of not granting relief where the petitioner acknowledges he was in the City at the time when the Book of Assessment was kept open for public inspection, and that he had neglected to examine it, which in the present instance appears clearly to have been the case.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

Chs Town. Ch.
(Signed.) Thomas Bolton,
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Abraham Van Gassen reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Van Gassen, praying the correction of an error made in transcribing the original book of Assessment for the 9th Ward, in the Value of property assessed to him on the old Harlaem road and described as one house and 4½ Acres of Ground. The sum assessed on the property was $1200 but by the transcriber it is put down $12,000, in the Collector's book.

[267] Accompanying the petition is the Certificate of the Assessors of the Ward, in which they declare that the property above mentioned was assessed by them at $1,200.

Report, that on an examination of this case, they find the complaint of the petitioner correct, and that his request is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 9th Ward be instructed to receive from Abraham Van Gassen the Tax on $1,200 on his House and 4½ Acres of ground on the Old Harlaem Road, for 1820, in lieu of $1,2000 and that he return the Balance in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chs Town. Chn
(signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S. Townsend.
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Board informed the Board that Mr Robert Murden Collector of the 8th Ward had departed this life, and that it was therefore necessary that an Election should be held for the purpose of supplying the vacancy, occasioned by his disease.

Whereupon, it was resolved that an Election [268] be held in the 8th Ward, on Wednesday the 14th and Thursday the 15th of March Instant for the purpose of electing a Collector in the place of Robert Murden deceased, and that Samuel M Thompson, Jacob Aimes and Stewart F Randolph be the Inspectors of said Election.

Mr Hammond presented the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Counsel to examine and report at the next meeting of the Board whether the Assistant Justices of the City of New York who receive salaries from this Board, are by law entitled to receive fees to their own use for any services to be by them performed in virtue of their offices, and if any, what services.

Resolved, that in order to enable the Clerks of the Assistant Justices Courts to balance up their books from time to time, they be instructed to retain in their hands the fees of the witnesses sworn in trials in the said Courts, but that the said Clerks at the time of receiving any such fees, immediately pay the same to such Witness or Witneses, if demanded by them, and if not so demanded, then that such Clerks pay such fees to the Constable or Marshall in such suit, to be paid by such Constable or Marshall to such Witnesses.

[269] And further that it shall be the duty of every such Clerk to receive the fees of such Constable or Marshall at the time he receives the fees of the Assistant Justice and Witnesses in every such suit; And that such Clerk pay such Constable, or Marshall the said undemanded Witnesses fees, together with his fees, as such Constable or Marshall, in every such suit as soon after the same shall be paid into Court as may be conveniently done.

And further that the Clerk of the Common Council cause a copy of this resolution to be served on each of the said Clerks of the said Courts.

Which resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Alderman Allen, Resolved, that the proprietors of the New York Gazettee News-paper be employed as publishers for the Corporation.

The Board then proceeded to consider the Laws revised by the Counsel. And the following Laws were approved. Vizt

A Law to prevent the exposure of certain Hand bills.

A Law further to regulate Surveyors and Buildings.

A Law to prevent damage to pumps.

A Law regulating the fees on making distress for rent.

The Law respecting Hackney Carriages was called up and after some consideration thereof, was laid on the table.

[270] The Law respecting the Markets was also laid for consideration.

The Law for the government of the Alms House was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House for their consideration, with a request that they would report at the next meeting of the Board.

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Board should be called on Monday for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed erection of a Market, at Fulton Street.

[271, 272, blank.]

[273] Special Meeting. In Common Council March 12th 1821.

Present. Peter A Jay Esquire, Recorder, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P Anthony.	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	Charles Town.
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker.
David Board.	Isaac Emmons.
Stephen Allen.	Gerard Depeyster.
	Judah Hammond.

The reading the Minutes of the preceeding Meeting was dispensed with.

The Recorder stated that a Commission had been handed him under the great Seal of the State appointing Stephen Allen Esquire, Mayor of the City of New York; that Alderman Allen was present and ready to take the Oaths of office, and with their approbation he would proceed to administer the oaths to him

[274] Accordingly the Commission was read by the Clerk of the Common Council, and the oaths prescribed by the Charter and Laws were administered. After which, at the request of the Recorder, Alderman Allen was handed to the Chair by Alderman Tooker and Mr Depeyster, and took his seat as President of the Board.

The Counsel presented the following resolution.

The Counsel in compliance with a resolution of the Board requiring him to report whether the Assistant Justices of this City who

receive salaries are by Law entitled to receive fees to their own use for any services performed in virtue of their offices, and if for any what services,

Respectfully Reports,

That by the fourth section of the act for reorganizing the Assistant Justices Court in this City, it is provided that the Assistant Justices instead of "receiving for their own use the fees now allowed by law to the Assistant Justices shall be paid an annual salary, and further that all such fees as may accrue or become payable shall be received for the use of the Corporation in the manner therein after directed." By the sixth section of the same Act it is provided that the Clerk shall make proper entries of all proceedings before the [275] Assistant Justices, and shall collect and receive, for the use of the Corporation, all costs of suit and fines which may be imposed by the Assistant Justices and shall exhibit an Account of the same monthly to the Comptroller which account shall state the title of each suit in which any fees shall have been received, and the amount of monies so received shall be paid over to the Chamberlain." By the section first above mentioned it appears that the Assistant Justices, instead of receiving for their own use the fees now allowed by law to the Assistant Justices shall receive salaries. The question then presents itself, what fees are allowed by Law to the Assistant Justices? Those fees are particularly set forth in the Act, of which the above mentioned is an amendment, and are only such as accrue from suits commenced before them. If there was room for any doubt as to the intention of the Legislature as to the fees which the Corporation are entitled to receive it is put beyond question of the sixth section above set forth, which provides that the Clerk shall receive for the use of the Corporation all costs of suits and fines, and shall pay over the same to the Chamberlain. There is no provision that the Justices shall receive and pay over any of the fees which the Corporation are entitled to receive, but, on the contrary, the Act is express that the Clerk shall [276] receive and pay over. And the fees which he is directed to receive and pay over are costs of suit.

The Counsel is therefore of opinion that the Assistant Justices are entitled to receive for their own use all fees for services which they may render except costs of suit.

respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) Ogden Edwards.

An Invitation of the Committee of arrangement of the New York County Agricultural Society requesting the favor of the company of

the Members of the Common Council, at the Society's dinner on thursday the 12th Instant, was presented and accepted.

A petition of John W Hinton stating that he was appointed a Fireman on the 11th November 1805, but that through some mistake his name was not entered on the Common-Council minutes and praying the Clerk may be authorised to give him a certificate of service agreeably to the said appointment, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, with authority.

A petition of William Broady, for appointment of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on applications.

[277] A petition from a number of licenced Cartmen, stating that many persons came from the Country in the Spring and obtained licences as Cartmen, and then returned to the Country in the Fall, and praying that the Law may be amended so that no person shall be licenced as a Cartman until after one year's residence, was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition of William Hanson, stating he was about to erect a House on West Street, and wished to be informed of the regulation of West Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from the Lessees of Cellars under Washington Market, complaining of persons vending Coffee and other food at out door stands, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 25, stating the unweildy size of the Engine attached to their Company, and proposing that it be cut down and reduced, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Moses Dodd, stating that there is due to him from Haviland Weeks Contractor for [278] Collect and Sewer $440, for timber furnished for said Sewer—That said Weeks has given a power of Attorney irrevocable to be placed in the hands of the Street Commissioner for payment of the same and prays the Balance yet unpaid to Weeks may be retained by the Corporation and paid to petitioner in part of his said demand.

A representation was received from a number of Inhabitants signifying their assent to Messrs Wadsworth's establishing a scale for weighing Hay, Merchandize &c at the foot of Canal Street, which was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and sciences.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition for paving the Intersection of Varick Street, reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons in Varick Street praying that the Intersection of

Canal and Varick Street may be paved, and that the side walks in Varick Street from Beach to Van Dam Street be paved.

Report, that they have examined the situation of said Street, and are of opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted,

[279] Therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolutions,

Resolved, that the Intersection of Canal and Varick Street be regulated and paved, and that the side Walks in Varick Street, between Beach and Van Dam Street be paved.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance, forthwith, for that purpose.

Isaac Emmons,
(Signed.) Asa Mann,
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the petition of Thomas Gibbons in behalf of the Butchers, reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Gibbons in behalf of the Butchers, relative to a report of a Committee of the Board on the subject of selling the Stalls of the several Markets of the City report,

That in compliance with the prayer of the petitioners, your Committee met a Committee appointed by the Butchers who explained their views and wishes upon the subject.

Your Committee after duly considering the re- [280] presentations made to them are of opinion that it is expedient to adhere to their former report,

Respectfully submitted,

Asa Mann,
(Signed.) Charles Town,
Samuel Tooker,
Thos S Townsend,

The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of the proposed Market at Fulton Street was called up, and being read was in the words following,

The Committee to whom was referred the petition to erect a Market upon the ground belonging to the Corporation, between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, Report,

That they are of opinion that it is expedient that a Market should be erected upon the above mentioned premises, and that after it is completed, Fly-Market should be removed.

This subject has so frequently engaged the attention of the Corporation, and the arguments for and against the measure are so familiar to the members of the Board, that the Committe do not *not* conceive it to be necessary for them to make a particular statement of them.

They will therefore simply remark, that [281] Fly Market is extremely incommodious, and in the Summer season is so offensive as to be very prejudicial to health; that the site contemplated for a new Market is peculiarly well adapted for the purpose; and as all the buildings which were upon it, with but one exception, have been recently destroyed by fire, it can be so appropriated at a much less expense than any other convenient situation which can be obtained.

The Committee have bestowed their attention upon the means of paying for the ground, of defraying the expenses of erecting the Market, and also for regulating it after it is completed. Their views upon this subject are expressed in the following regulations, which they recommend should be adopted by the Board, to wit:

1. Resolved, that a Public Market shall be erected upon the ground belonging to the Corporation, between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf.

2. Resolved, that Fifteen thousand dollars be raised annually for Ten years by tax, which together with the income from the said Market, shall be appropriated to the sinking fund, for the extinguishment of the debt created by the purchase of the said ground, and the erection of suitable buildings for a Market on the same.

3. Resolved, that whenever the said buildings [282] shall have been completed, the Stalls for the Butchers and the Stands for the Fishermen, Country people and sellers of Vegetables, and fruit shall be rented at Auction for one or more years, the rent for one year always to be paid in advance.

4. Resolved, that the aforesaid regulations shall apply to all the Markets in the City, and shall go into operation, as it respects the Butchers Stalls in the present Markets on the first day of May next; and as soon thereafter as the Market Committee can complete the arrangement, as it respects the stands for the Fishermen, Country people, and sellers of Vegetables and fruit: Provided, however, that the Stalls in Fly Market shall be sold for a time not exceeding the time necessary to build and complete the Market at Fulton Slip.

5 Resolved, that the Two hundred thousand dollars authorised to be funded by the Act of one thousand eight hundred and twenty, be funded in such sums and at such times as the means may be required

to defray the aforesaid expense, and that the amount thus funded shall bear an Interest of not more than five per Cent per annum, and be redeemable at the pleasure of the Corporation after years.

[283] 6th Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Memorial to be presented to the Legislature at their next session, praying for an Act authorizing the aforesaid; and that the Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of the intention of the Corporation to apply for such authority.

7. Resolved, that so much of the foregoing resolutions as relates to the City Stock, be referred to the Comptroller and Finance Committee, with authority to adopt the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect.

8. Resolved, that so much of the foregoing resolutions as relates to the sale of the Butchers' Stalls, and Stands for the Fishermen, Country people and sellers of Vegetables and fruits, be referred to the Comptroller and Market Committee with authority to lease the same at Auction for one or more years, as they shall deem most for the Interest of the public.

9 Resolved, that a Committee consisting of five members be appointed to procure plans and estimates, and to superintend the building of the aforesaid Market, and that such plans be laid before the Board for their approbation.

Asa Mann.
Signed. John P Anthony.
Thos S Townsend.
Saml Tooker

[284] Alderman Board moved to lay the Report on the Table which passed in the Negative.

A motion was made to strike out the first Resolution, for the purpose of introducing a Resolution directing enquiry to be made respecting a site between the Fly Market and Fletcher's Street, this also was negatived. The question was then taken on the first resolution, and carried in the affirmative The Ayes and Noes being called by Alderman Board were as follows.

Ayes. Ald. Tooker, Townsend. Kip. Anthony, Mann. Messrs Bolton, Valentine, Crane, Town, DePeyster. 10.

Noes. Mr Recorder. Ald. McQueen. Board, Messrs Tallman. Parker, Emmons. Hammond. 7.

So the Resolution was carried.

The second Resolution being under consideration, Alderman Tooker moved to strike out $15.000 and insert $10.000. This was negatived.

The Resolution was then adopted.

The third Resolution being under consideration, Alderman Anthony moved to strike out the words one year and insert one quarter. This motion was negatived.

The question was then taken on the third Resolution, and carried in the Affirmative.

The fourth Resolution was also agreed to.

[285] The question was taken on the 5th Resolution, and agreed to.

The question was then taken severally on the sixth seventh, eighth and ninth Resolutions, and carried in the Affirmative.

The question was then taken on the whole Resolutions, and carried in the Affirmative.

Mr Hammond gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of the Board, move for a reconsideration of the question.

A Resolution was presented, directing the room in the Hall occupied by the Recorder to be assigned after the last day of this month to the use of the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the City of New York. Which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[286] In Common Council, March 19th 1821.

Present. The Honl Stephen Allen, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker, Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
Leonard Kip.	Harmanus Tallman.
John P. Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert McQueen.	Charles Town.
Asa Mann.	Shivers Parker.
David Board.	Stephen P. Brittain.
_____	Isaac Emmons.
_____	Gerard De Peyster.
_____	Judah Hammond.

Richard Riker Esquire, appointed, at the late meeting of the Council of Appointment, Recorder of the City of New York, appeared and took his seat as a Member of this Board.

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, and of the Special Meeting were read, and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board [287] a letter from the Honorable John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, of the United States, stating that a retrocession of the site of Castle Clinton had not been authorised by Congress at the last session. He also stated that the specific application by Congress of the appropriation for fortifications for the current year had put it out of his power to contribute to the repairs of the Battery, and obliged him [to] rescind the conditional promise of cooperation with the Corporation on the execution of that work, communicated by his letter of the 31st January, 1820,

Which being read was referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Return was [received] from John L Broom Esquire Clerk of the City and County of the Election held in the 8th Ward on the 14th and 15th days of March Instant. for the election of a Collector of said Ward in the place of Robert Murden deceased, by which return it appeared that Samuel Y Clark was elected:

Whereupon, the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give notice to Mr Clark of his Election.

A Petition of Horace Holden, complaining of an Assessment of a personal tax on him where the sum has been carried out in the Book [288] $50 instead of $5.

A Petition of Edward Arrowsmith and others praying relief from an Assessment imposed on them for turning the water from Bayard Street into Orange Street,

And

A Petition from Peter G Stuyvesant complaining of a mistake in a charge against him in the Assessor's Books in the 9th Ward, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition was received from William Mooney stating that he had made an agreement with the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen for a proportion of the ground held under Lease from the Corporation, and requesting the assent of the *assent of the* Corporation thereto, and that they will consolidate the remainder of the ground in one Lease to him; which being read was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to make the requisite arrangement on the subject.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Manhattan Ville for the establishment of a Fire Engine at that place was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, and the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward

[289] A Petition of Mary Taylor, complaining that the House No 560 Broad Way, belonging to the Estate of Thomas Ellison deceased,

projects three feet beyond the House of Petitioner adjoining, and subjects her to considerable inconvenience and praying relief, which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Winans, for appointment of Measurer of Lime, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Stephen M^cElroy for remission of fine for not having rates in his Hackney Carriage was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that Wooster Street may be paved from Bleecker Street to Spring Street was referred to the Street Committee, and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of William Cornell for appointment as Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of George P Rogers for himself and other Owners of Seven stores at Fulton Street [290] Wharf, stating that on 12th January 1821, the above property in pursuance of the confirmation by the Supreme Court of the report of the Commissioners of Estimate in relation to Lands at Fulton Slip intended as a site for a Market, became the property of Corporation. That he has been called upon by the Collector of 2nd Ward for the Tax for the whole year on said property—that he is willing to pay the Tax up to January 1821, but he considers a demand for the residue of the year unreasonable:

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Green Street may be paved between Spring Street and Broome Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Duffy for appointment of City Guager was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the establishing of a Market at Fulton Slip was laid on the table until the proposed for reconsideration of that subject was under consideration. After the motion for reconsideration was lost, it was then [291] moved to refer this Memorial to the Committee on building said Market, but it passed in the Negative.

A remonstrance from the licenced Butchers of the City against the resolution for letting at Auction the Stalls in the several Markets in the City was read and laid on the table. It was afterwards called up and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of D S. Lyon, in behalf of M^rs Murden Widow of Robert Murden, late Collector of 8th Ward was presented, stating that said Robert Murden had died Intestate—That the Widow was at present sick, and that until some arrangement could be made of the

affairs of the Estate, she requested that the Tax-Books of the Ward might be placed in the hands of some person under the direction of the Corporation: Whereupon the subject was referred to the Finance Committee to give the necessary directions in the premises.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the corner of Division and Norfolk street praying that the Well at that place may be deepened, and that the Street around it may be paved was read— That part relating to the Well was referred to the Superintendent of Repairs, with authority to comply with the request of petitioners, and the part relating to the Street to the [292] Street Commissioner and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with like authority.

A petition from Stephen Gould representing that he had purchased from the Publisher, Ingersoll's Digest of the Laws of the United States, and offering the same at $6.75, was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Peter Parcells and Co for payment of a sum due to them on a Contract for regulating the Streets in the Village of Greenwich, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The following were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Hose Company N° 1.

John Stebbins, Clerk N° 295 Front Street — 4th Ward
Vice. Edward Simpson. Resigned.

Hook and Ladder Company N° 1

William Van Antwerp, Hardware Merch^{t} N° 57 Pearl S^{t} — 1st do
Vice. Thomas Shapter, served his time out.

H. & L. N° 2.

James F Palmer, Grocer, N° 13 Suffolk S^{t} — 10th Ward
Vice. Isaac Underhill. Resigned

Fire Supply Engine Company.

W^{m} Bleakley, Grocer, N° 288 Greenwich S^{t} — 3rd do
[293] Vice. John Bowman. Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 9

John Hooghkerk, Ho Carpenter, N° 124 Broad S^{t} — 1st Ward
Vice Jacob Haff, Resigned.

N° 10.

John Flandrea, Carpenter. 307 Bowe*z*ery — 10th do
Vice William Hoogland, Deceased.

Stephen Morris, Cordwainer, 69 Wooster Street 8th Ward
Vice. Isaac Bird. Resigned.

Jotham Force, Cordwainer, 305 Bowery 10th do
Vice. Abraham Merlett. Resigned.

N° 11

Thomas G. Talmadge. accountant, 114 Pearl S^{t} 1st do
Vice. Charles Gregory. Resigned.

George Van Nest. Merchant. 105 Pearl S^{t} 1st do
Vice. William Crane Resigned.

N° 18.

Eli Vail, Accountant, N° 255 Pearl St 2nd do
Vice, Abraham H Shotwell Resigned.

N° 20.

James T Harding Liv^{y} Stable Keeper 8 Lumber S^{t} 1st do
Vice, William Bleakley. Resigned.

N° 21.

William H Earl, Mechanic, N° 15 Rose S^{t} 4th do
Vice, David Funk. Resigned.

N° 25.

William Lawton, Broker, N° 32 Reed St 6th Ward
[294] Vice. John Hanmer, Time Expired

N° 40.

Thomas Sigison, Chair Maker, 160 Grand S^{t} 10th Ward
Vice. John Vonck. Enlisted as a Soldier.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Hudson Street from Canal Street to Spring Street, which was confirmed, and John G Betts was appointed Collector.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Herring Street from Carmine to Christopher Street, and that Jones, Burrowe and Commerce Streets be regulated throughout, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Bedient and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

Also, an Ordinance for regulating and paving the Intersection of Canal Street and Varick Street and paving the side Walks in Varick Street, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brown[er] and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors.

Also, upon the report of the Canal Committee; this evening he presented an Ordinance for building a sewer in Thompson Street from

the Sewer in Canal Street to about 100 feet above Broom Street, which was passed and Roger Strong John Targee and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors.

[295] The City Inspector presented sundry Ordinances for correction of Nuisances: One of which for 8 Lots on Delancy Street, belonging to Peter Ogilvie, and One on Sheriff Street belonging to J. F Delaplaine; the cost of which it was supposed would exceed $100, were, under the late Rule of the Board, referred to the Street Committee, the residue were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances. viz.

No 1	Lewis Silvester	Occupant	28	Oliver Street	a Privy
2	James Oakley	do	31	Wall "	do
2	James Oakley	do	85	Beekman "	do
4	Jane Gray	do	125	Pump "	do
5	Alexr McDonald	do	145	Chamber "	do
6	N. Francis	do	149	do "	do
7	D S Murey	do	6	Dover "	do
8	Mrs Ann Taylor	do	8	do "	do
9	Aaron Ely	do	9	Frankfort "	do
10	Burns Trumble	do	250	Front "	do
11	Js H. McCready	do	252	do "	do
12	Chs D Cashman	do	258	do "	do
13	Chs George	do	272	do "	do
14	Joseph D Smith	do	7	Peck's Slip	do
15	Rd Hunt	do	15	do	do
16	Mrs D Sprague	do	27	do	do
17	Daniel Jagger	do	29	do	do
18	Mills & Bedient	do	31	do	do
19	[296] Mrs Raymond	do	261	Water Street	do
20	Joseph Gilbert	do	270	do "	do
21	Patrick Managhan	do	272	do "	do
22	Joseph Bartlett	do	275	do "	do
23	J. Daliere	do	276	do "	do
24	Js Cornell	do	295	do "	do
25	Peter Hatfield	do	307	do "	do
26	John Chase	do	309	do "	do
27	J. Jauncey	do	315	do "	do
28	Js Williams	do	317	do "	do
29	John M. Bradhurst	do	314	Pearl "	do
30	John Shadden	do	316	do "	do
31	John Montgomery	do	318	do "	do
32	Elizabeth Lewis	do	320	do "	do
33	J. C Cornwell	do	342	do "	do
34	E Ring	do	372	do "	do
35	Daniel Dodge	do	374	do "	do

36	Mrs Turner	Occupant	376	Pearl	St	a Privy
37	James Sacket	do	378	do	"	do
38	Rt Beatty	do	384	do	"	do
39	Miss Schenck	do	386	do	"	do
40	Mr Gautfield	do	388	do	"	do
41	Js Willing	do	390	do	"	do
42	E. Underhill	do	396	do	"	do
43	N Hawxhurst	do	416	do	"	do
44	A B. Woodruff	do	436	do	"	do
45	[297] S. Arden.	do	438	do	"	do
46	E L Williams	do	440	do	"	do
47	Joseph Derbrow	do	442	do	"	do
48	L Heiser	do	446	do	"	do
49	G Clusman	do	448	do	"	do
50	Ts Chatterton	do	452	do	"	do
51	Dl Hall	do	462	do	"	do
52	Wm Skidmore	do	119	Chatham		do
53	Mr Lee	do	121	do		do
54	Mr Hyat	do	123	do		do
55	J. Bracket	do	127	do		do
56	J. Morrison	do	137	do		do
57	Mr Strang	do	143	do	"	do
58	J. Odell	do	149	do		do
59	J. G Horton	do	151	do		do
60	Rt Snow	do	167	do		do

Lot Ordinances.

61	P. Bishop	Owner	56	Orchard	Street	a Lot
62	Rd Jennings	do	305	Water	"	1 do
63	Wm Edgar	do		Cannon	"	1 do
64	Peter Ogilvie	do		Delancy	"	8 do
65	J. F Delaplaine	do		Sheriff	"	2 do
66	Js Robertson	do		do	"	1 do
67	Jh Dodge	do		Columbia	"	1 do
68	Mrs Brown	do		Willet	"	1 do
69	Cornelius Ray	do	Fenced.	Varick	"	1 do
70	Wm Woolsey	do		do	"	2 do
71	[298] A Stewart	do		do	"	1 do
72	John Ricord	Lessee	273	Water	do	1 do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Attorney presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices. viz. a complaint against J Samuel for selling liquor without Licence, a similar complaint against Mr Gibbs, also a petition of Daniel Stewart against whom a similar complaint had been made.

The Counsel presented a Contract with Gideon Tucker and Thomas T Woodruff for the Mason work of the fence around the Park, which was directed to be duly executed. Also a Contract with Benjamin Birdsall for the Iron work of said Fence, which was laid for consideration.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Gilbert L Thompson reported.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Livingston Thompson, representing that his personal property in this City has been assessed for the year 1820, at a valuation [299] far exceeding its true amount. That during the period allowed by Law to make oath before the Assessors, in order to reduce the Valuation, he was absent from the City and that consequently it was not in his power to attend and reduce the same, and that he is ready and willing, at any time, to prove the valuation of his personal property in this City, and prays relief in the premises, Report,

That on examination of this case they are fully satisfied that the valuation of the petitioner's property by the Assessors of the 3rd Ward is excessive and far beyond its true Amount, and that, owing to his absence he was unable to attend to its reduction at the time allowed him by Law so to do. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief, and that his request ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, Resolved, that the Collector of the 3rd Ward be instructed to receive from Gilbert Livingston Thompson the Tax on $2.500. personal property in lieu of $25.000. for the year 1820, and that he return the balance in the list of errors and insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town. Chn
(signed.) Thomas S Townsend,
Thomas Bolton
John P Anthony

[300] Which approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Alfred S Pell reported,

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of Alfred S Pell of Dutchess County representing that he is assessed for personal tax in the 8th Ward for the year 1820, which he ought not to be required to pay, inasmuch as he has been assessed and has actually paid a personal tax for that year in the County of Dutchess, the proof whereof is in his possession, and praying relief.

Report, that they have examined this case, and are satisfied that the petitioner is a resident of the County of Dutchess, and that he has

been assessed and paid personal tax in that County, for the year 1820. on a much larger sum than that assessed on him in the 8th Ward.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Collector of the 8th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the tax assessed on the personal property of Alfred S Pell, for the year 1820, and that he return the same in the List of Errors and [301] Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town Chn
(signed.) Thos S Townsend
Thomas Bolton,
John P Anthony

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The same Committee on the petition of William Moore reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William Moore, stating that he is the owner of House and Lot of ground at the corner of Lispenard and Church Street which was valued by the Assessors at $1800, but that in transcribing the book of Assessment it appears in the Collector's Book $18.000. and praying that it may be altered to the original sum, Report,

That [they] have given this case an investigation, and find the statement made by the petitioner correct, and are of opinion that his request is just and reasonable and ought to be granted.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted,

Resolved that the Collector of the 5th Ward be instructed to receive from William Moore the tax on $1800, assessed on his house and Lot on the corner of Lispenard and Church Streets for the year 1820, in lieu of $1800,* and that he return the balance in the list of errors [302] and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town Chn
(signed.) Thos S. Townsend,
Thomas Bolton,
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted,

The same Committee on the Petition of Doctor William Moore reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Doctor William Moore, stating that he had lately paid to the Collector of the 3rd Ward Fifty dollars, as a Tax on his personal

* Clerk's error for $18000.—Ed.

property, which has been (in his opinion) improperly assessed at Ten thousand dollars, and prays that a part thereof may be refunded,

Report, that on an examination of this case they find that it comes within the rule adopted by them, of not granting relief in cases where the petitioner acknowledged he was in the city a[t] the time the Assessor's books were open for public inspection, and that he had neglected to examine them. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted,

[303] Chas Town, Chn
Thos S Townsend,
(signed.) Thomas Bolton,
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted,

The same Committee on the Petition of George I Banks reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of George I Banks, praying the correction of an error, made in transcribing the original Book of Assessment for the 5th Ward, in an assessment made on his personal property, Report,

That on examination of the case, they find that the petitioner was originally assessed $1700. but that in transcribing it is set down in the Collector's book $17.000, accompanying the petition is the Assessor's Certificate, which states that $1700, was the amount at which they valued the personal property of the petitioner for the year 1820, The Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

And respectfully submit the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Collector of the Fifth Ward be instructed to receive from George I Banks the Tax on $1,700, personal propy for 1820, in lieu of [304] $17.000 (personal property) and that he return the balance in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town Chn
(signed.) Thos S Townsend,
Thomas Bolton,
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on applications on the petition of William McKean for appointment of Measurer of Lime, presented a report which was read, and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred the report of the Counsel on the subject of a Gore of Land in front of the property owned by Silvanus Miller, Reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a report by the Counsel on the subject of certain resolutions passed by the Board, relative to the Gore of Land in front of the property belonging to Silvanus Miller, Report, that they have directed an account to be prepared which is hereunto annexed shewing the amount paid by the Corporation for the Gore alluded to, for the assessment for ground under water for opening Roosevelt Street [305] and for the filling of said ground and making the Bulk head on the line of South Street, together with the Interest on the whole up to the 12th day of May next, amounting in the aggregate to $6.420.68.

The Committee have also furnished Mr Miller with a copy of said account, and have received from him a proposition in writing, which is also annexed, stating that he will pay $5.000, which he authorises to be deducted from the award in his favor for ground taken between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf; and as reasons why this sum should be accepted in lieu of the whole amount, he has urged to your Committee that the Gore alluded to was assessed much beyond its real value. That he has suffered materially from the circumstances of the case, and that he has received neither revenue nor emolument from the property since the opening of Roosevelt Street.

The Committee have had Mr Miller's proposition under consideration, and altho', in their opinion he has no just claim for a deduction in the amount exhibited, they nevertheless admit that his case is severe and that the amount he has offered to pay is the full value of the property he is to receive; and as the subject is one that has caused much perplexity to your Committee, and the aforesaid proposition is made in such manner as to insure a settlement of this long protracted business, they beg leave to recom- [306] mend to the concurrence of the Board, and propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Board accede to the proposition of Silvanus Miller, and that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the necessary papers, in order that the same may be carried into effect.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Allen,
(signed.) Samuel Tooker,
J, Hammond,
B. Crane.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Commitee on the Petition of W^m^ Cunningham reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Cunningham, Report, that the Petitioner is the owner of a piece of Land at Brooklyn near the new Ferry, and is also in possession of a piece of land adjoining it which [was] reclaimed from the river. That [he] prays a grant may be given him for that part of said Land lying between high and low water mark, and that the rent may be fixed at some inconsiderable sum, in consideration of his having thrown into the Street a piece of ground about 25 feet by 120, as an accommodation to the Ferry. The Committee think there [307] is some consideration due for the accommodation afford^ed^ by the petitioner to the Ferry by widening the Street in its immediate vicinity and they accordingly recommend that a deduction be made from the ordinary rent charged for the Brooklyn water grants in favor of the petitioner. The grants already issued are at the following rates 6¼ Cents per foot til May 1845, and 12½ cents per foot for ever after, and the arrears of rent to be paid up from the time of improving the property until the date of the grant.

The Committee beg leave to propose the following resolution, Resolved,

that a grant be isssued to William Cunningham for the ground at Brooklyn, between high and low water mark at a rent of 4 Cents per foot til 1845, and 12½ Cents per foot for ever after: Provided he convey to the Corporation the piece of ground now forming a part of Main Street, as shewn by the annexed Map, and pay the arrears of rent from the date of improving the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
Sam^l^ Tooker,
J, Hammond,
B. Crane.

Which was approved, and the Resolution adopted.

[308] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have a Sewer constructed in Thompson Street reported,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, praying that a sewer be built in Thompson Street, respectfully report,

That, the[y] have carefully examined the situation of the said Street, and are decidedly of opinion that the prayer ought to be granted.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

Resolved, that a sewer of a sufficient capacity be built in Thompson Street from the main sewer in Canal Street to about One hundred feet above the North line in Broome Street.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

Isaac Emmons,
(signed.) Gerard De Peyster
Shivers Parker,

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner, immediately reported an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed.

Mr Hammond agreeably to notice given at the last meeting moved that the Board reconsider the Vote given last Meeting on the subject of erecting [309] a Market at Fulton Street. After some debate, the question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative.

The Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Anthony were as follows,

Negative. Mr Recorder. Ald Kip, Townsend, Anthony, Mann. Messrs Bolton, Valentine, Crane, Town, Brittain. De Peyster. 11.

Affirmative. Ald. Tooker, McQueen, Board, Mr Tallman Parker, Emmons Hammond. 7.

Mr Hammond then moved that the remonstrance against the Market be referred to the Committee to be appointed agreeably to the Resolution. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative

The Ayes and Noes being required by Mr Hammond were as follows.

Negative. Mr Recorder. Ald Townsend, Kip Anthony Mann. Messrs Bolton, Valentine, Crane, Brittain, De Peyster. 11.

Affirmative. Ald. Tooker, McQueen, Board. Mr Parker, Emmons. Hammond. 6.

His Honor the Mayor then appointed the following the Committee to carry into effect the resolutions respecting the erection of the Market. viz.

Aldermen, Mann, Anthony, Townsend, Tooker. Mr Valentine.

[310] The Report of the Special Committee on the Memorial of B Crane, and respecting the inspection and measurement of Lime, which on the 30th October last was postponed, was now called up. Mr Brittain proposed a resolution as to the expediency of having all lime, brot down the North River, inspected.

Mr Brittain stated that being about to leave the City, he requested that some person be appointed in his place upon the Committee; Whereupon the Board appointed Alderman Thorp. The report of the Committee. The resolution proposed by Mr Brittain, together with the Report of the Committee on applications. The Petition of Daniel Fash, were then referred to the Special Committee.

The Committee now consists of Aldermen, Thorp, Mann, Tooker.

A Letter was received from John T Irving Esqr stating that as in consequence of a recent appointment on him by the State of First Judge of Common Pleas in the City of New York, the duties of Loan-Officer would be incompatable with that appointment. He therefore begged leave to resign the appointment of Loan-Officer, and tendered his acknowledgments to the Common Council for the confidence reposed in him;

Whereupon, the resignation was accepted. The appointment of a person to fill the vacancy was post[pon]ed.

[311] Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Laws to consider and report whether it is necessary on the part of the Common Council to pass any Law in relation to the Law lately enacted by the Legislature of this State for the appointment of a first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the City and County of New York.

The Board then proceeded to the reconsideration of the Laws revised by the Committee on Laws and the Counsel.

The Commissioners of the Alms House, agreeable to the reference to them, reported that they had revised the Law for the government of the Alms House and made a number of alterations in it, which they submitted. The Law was accordingly read by paragraphs and passed under the title of " a Law for the government of the Alms-House.

The Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York was called up amended and passed.

The Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages, was also called up amended and passed.

It was ordered that the Law respecting the Street Commissioner, lately passed, should be published in the papers employed by the Board.

[312, 313, 314 blank.]

[315] In Common Council. April 2nd 1821.

Present. The Hon[l] Stephen Allen, Mayor, President,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Townsend.	Bolton.
Anthony	Valentine.
Swartwout.	Tallman.
McQueen	Crane.
Mann.	Town.
Board	Parker
Thorp.	Emmons
_____	DePe[y]ster.
_____	Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Report was received from the Trustees of the City Dispensary, presenting the Annual Return of persons vaccinated by that Institution during the past year. The Committee of the Trustees, in their communication, state that the number of persons vaccinated (by that Institution) this last year had been double of that of the year preceding, and that the City had been during the past year entirely exempt from the small [316] pox. Whereupon the Report was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct a Warrant to issue for $600, the sum granted last year to that Institution.

A Petition of Thomas Foote, for appointment of Inspector of Lime, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

Three Communications on the subject of the proposed Drain or Sewer in James' Street were presented and referred to the Canal-Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Wright to be appointed an Inspector of Potatoes, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A certificate of the Assessors of the 2nd Ward was presented stating that a mistake had been made in the Assessment of the personal estate of Edward Pollock, which should have been $500 instead of $10.000, and he should have been assessed $2.50, instead of $50. as carried out in the Books: Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council, stating that he had been [317] directed to cause an Alphabetical list of the Firemen to be made out in order that they might be furnished with a Certificate of their time of service, agreably to a Law passed in 1816. That he had performed the service, and requested it might be referred to a Committee to ascertain his com-

pensation: Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition was received from John Jacob Astor and John K Beekman stating that they are rebuilding the Park-Theatre, and requesting permission to project a Portico in front, extending as far as the Curb stone the base of the column to rest on the side walk agreeably to the plan accompanying the Petition. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition was received from Ebenezer Burling, s[t]ating that he had unfortunately lost a Warrant which had been issued to him on the 19th of February last for the sum of $62.5\%_{00}$ in payment of a month's salary as Clerk of the Assistant Justice's Court for 4th and 6th Wards, and praying relief, which was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of John Halstead for appointment of Superintendent of Mud-Machine, was referred [318] to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Communication was received from Higgins and Parks Contractors for Lumber Street, giving assurances that *that* the Street would be speedily completed, which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Complaint from several Watchmen against George Reynolds assistant to the Watch of the second District was referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of Peter N. Utt for payment of an Account presented for repairs to the room at Washington Market occupied and leased by him, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition on behalf of Lynd Catlin to build a Vault in Chamber Street—A similar Petition from William Alburtis to construct one West side of Duane Street, and a Petition from A R and D Welman to be permitted to construct a brick Cistern under the side Walk in Canal Street, were granted on the usual terms, under the direction of the Street Committee.

A Petetion of Gurdon Buck, was received stating that Fire Engine No 21 in passing thro' [319] Fulton Street at the Fire on 3rd March last ran against the stone steps of his House, and broke them, and praying that they may be repaired, was referred to the Committee on the *Committee on the* Fire Department.

A Petition that Barrow Street may be opened from the Church Line to Bedford Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Stephen Richard stating that he had been assessed

for personal Tax in the 3rd Ward which he had paid. That he had also been assessed for personal tax in the 9th Ward, and praying relief, which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Proposition of Thomas Haynes Pin-maker to establish a Manufactory of Pins in the Alms-House was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences, and the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Representation from several Inhabitants near Chatham square, and the Vicinity of N° 68 Bowery certifying their willingness that the Scales of Eli Wadsworth and Co should be erected at those places, was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places, with a request that they would ascertain the wishes of the Inhabitants at those places [320] respecting the erection of the Scales.

A Petition of John White was read, stating that he was surety to the Corporation for John Varick Deputy Clerk of the Centre, Spring Street &c Markets—that said Varick has absconded in debt to the Corporation, for which Petitioner is responsible, and praying to be appointed Deputy Clerk in place of said Varick to enable him to discharge the demand, which being read was laid on the Table.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine Lessee of Hay Scales at Governeur's Slip, complaining that the Stone Boats incommode the Slip, and also that the Wharf is encumbered by them, and praying another Slip may be provided for the resort of those Boats. Whereupon the subject of encumbring the Wharf was referred to the Street Committee, and the residue to the Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Memorial was received from George Janeway stating that an Ordinance had passed directing the Heirs of Peter P Van Zandt to fill in certain water Lots between Warren and Chamber Streets—that they were complying with said Ordinance, but receive [321] great injury from the non compliance of a similar Ordinance by the Owners of the adjoining Lots, and praying relief. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition that a Well and Pump might be sunk in Augustus Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner to report and Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of John R Murray Attorney for Hannah Murray was received stating that she is owner of Lots on Canal Street which have been assessed a certain amount, but the validity of which assessment is contested, and is now before the Supreme Court, that for the opening of Wooster and Greene Streets four Lots of Petitioner were taken, and Damages awarded to the amount of $4750. which was due in Feb-

ruary last but which is refused to be paid as if the Assessment on Canal Street is comfirmed it will absorb the amount of the sum awarded: That in the mean time Petitioner is called upon for payment of Taxes which she is willing to pay when the said sum awarded to her is paid. She also wishes to know if Interest will be allowed on the award.

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

[322] A Petition of Jacob Vincent for appointment of Inspector of Fire Wood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Gilbert Countant and others Heirs of Isaac Varian deceased, praying to be permitted to commute for the rent reserved on a Lot situated on the West side of Broad Way, a little above the Junction of the Broad Way, and Bowery road granted formerly to Sir Peter Warren, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Hook and Ladder Company

N° 2.

Elijah Purdy, Grocer, cor^{r} Chrystie and Hester S^{t} 10th Ward
Vice, Benjamin Scribner, Resigned.

Hook & L^{r} N° 3.

Tho^{s} Constantine, Cabinet Marker,
Greenwich near Hamersley Street 8th do
Vice, Andrew Blakely. Resigned.

Fire Engine Company

N° 22.

John Green, Ship Wright, Goerck Street. 10th do
Vice, Samuel Harned, Resigned.

[323] F. E. Company N° 29.

George Barrean, Grocer, cor^{r} Perry & Greenwich S^{t} 9th do
Vice, William Van Tassel, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz.

No 1	B. McGarrahan	Occupant	3	Chatham	St	A Privy
3	Henry Smith	do	11	do		do
2	J Hurley	do	7	do		do
4	E. Riley	do	29	do		do
5	J. T. Mason	do	31	do		do
6	W Carpenter	do	73	do		do
7	Js Morris	do	75	do		do
8	Jno Cameden	do	103	do		do
9	G Bello	do	105	do		do
10	Mrs Pratt	do	439	Pearl	"	do
11	B. Lunenberg	do	439½	do		do
12	S. Ballard	do	443	do		do
13	Wm Murphey	do	445	do		do
14	A Boulyer	do	445½	do		do
15	H. Titus	do	461	do		do
16	M Le Grau	do	190	William	"	do
17	R Spence	do	213	do		do
18	Wm Ashton	do	214	do		do
19	Js Latham	do	224	do		do
20	[324] Charles C Cogswell	do	227	do		do
21	J *Magueston* [McGaviston]	do	228	do		do
22	F Depew	do	229	do		do
23	C. Harris	do	242	do		do
24	T. Barber	do	243	do		do
25	P. Murray	do	244	do		do
26	J Alexander	do	245	do		do
27	J. O Bryan	do	252	do		do
28	Mr Miller	do	256	do		do
29	C Fowler	do	258	do		do
30	Js Lovett	do	260	do		do
31	Jas Smith	do	262	do		do
32	Fk Stahl	do	264	do		do
33	Pr Kemp	do	1	Duane		do
34	M Slater	do	3	do		do
35	H King	do	5	do		do
36	A Young	do	9	do		do
37	J Wright	do	17	do		do
38	H. Dodge	do	8	Frankfort		do
39	Valentine Derry	do	10	do		do
40	C. Francis	do	12	do		do
41	J Allen	do	16	do		do
42	J. Thorburn	do	18	do		do
43	Ts Kerr	do	20	do		do
44	C Sherwood	do	26	do		do
45	J Targee	do	27	do		do
46	[325] A Riker	do	29	do		do
47	J. P. Anthony	do	33	do		do

48	J. C Mott	Occupant	37 Frankfort	A Privy
49	Mrs Smith	do	39 do	do
50	G L Birch	do	39½ do	do
51	Mrs Stansbury	do	41 do	do
52	J Westervelt	do	11 Spruce "	do
53	J. Betts	do	13 do	do
54	J. Watson	do	27 do	do
55	W. Bryer	do	37 do	do
56	J. Lorillard	do	41 do	do
57	M. Colesborough	do	43 do	do
58	James Flinn	do	85 Gold "	do
59	A. Mercean	do	93 do	do
60	J. Riley	do	95 do	do
61	G Monilaws	do	107 do	do
62	Peter Brewer	do	6 Rose "	do
63	Sl Dawson	do	8 do	do
64	G McKibben	do	10 do	do
65	M *Peltro* [Pelletreau]	do	12 do	do
66	Mrs M Johnson	do	14 do	do
67	E Crooker	do	30 do	do
68	William Dinn	do	78 Bancker "	do
69	Wm B Gilley	do	73 Broadway	do
70	M. Carter	do	140 William St	do

(Signed.) George Cuming
City Inspector.

[326] The Comptroller made a representation on the subject of mistakes made [in] the Assessor's books recommending that a List be made of such, and laid before the Supervisors for them to determine whether the sums paid in consequence thereof should as heretofore be assessed back upon the Ward.

He also presented a List of Bonds given by the several Officers of the Board that the sufficiency of the sureties may be judged of, and the Board know what Officers had given Bonds,

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented a Deed from Leonard Bleecker, and one from Henry M Van Solingen for Lands ceded to the Corporation in Mercer, Green and Wooster Streets, which were directed to be accepted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Horace Holden reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Horace Holden, representing that he had, by mistake, been assessed to pay a personal tax of $50, instead of $5, and praying that

it may be reduced to the sum set down by the Assessors in their Certificate. Report,

that they have given this case a careful investigation [327] and find from the representations set forth by the Petitioner, and the Certificate of the Assessors of the 2nd Ward, that he has been, by mistake, assessed far beyond the real value of his personal property. Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and just, and ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 2nd Ward be instructed to receive from Horace Holden, Five Dollars in full for personal tax for the year 1820, and that he return the Balance in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town. Chn
(signed.) Thomas Bolton,
Thomas S Townsend,
John P. Anthony.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant, reported,

The Committee of Assessments on the Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant representing an Error in the Assessment of 2 Houses and 81 Acres of Land in the 9th Ward, for the year 1820,

Report, that it appears from the Certificate of the Assessors of the Ward that the 2 [328] Houses and 77 Acres are North of the Lamp and Watch District, and ought to be assessed at $61.600, and that the four Acres ought to be assessed at $3.200, and charged with the rate within the Lamp and Watch District; whereas the 2 Houses and 81 Acres are returned by them as South of the Line, and the Tax calculated, accordingly. From an examination of the subject, it appears proper to rectify the error, and the Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolution, Resolved,
that the Collector of the 9th Ward be instructed to deduct from Mr Stuyvesant's Assessment the sum of $104.72 the difference of the tax as above stated, and return the same in the List of errors and Insolvencies of the Ward,

Chas Town Chn
(signed.) Thomas Bolton,
Thomas S Townsend,
John P. Anthony.

Statement.

2 Houses & 81 Acres assd $64.800 @ 41/100 so. of the line.....		$265.68
It should be		
2 Houses 77 Acres.....$61.600		
@ 24/100 No of the line.....	147.84	
4 Acres South of the line..... 3.200		
@ 41 Cents.....	13.12	160.96
Error.....		$104.72

[329] Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Prince Street reported.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed petitions from sundry Persons praying that a part of Prince, Green and Wooster Streets may be paved,

Respectfully Report, that they have examined the situation of the said Streets, and are of opinion that there are not a sufficient number of buildings erected to make it necessary to pave at present.

They therefore offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

(signed.) Robert Swartwout,
Asa Mann,
Isaac Emmons,
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The street Committee on the Petition of Peter Parsels and Co reported,

The Street Committee to whom the within petition of Peter Parsels and Co was referred, Report, that they have examined this subject carefully, and find that a former Street Committee thoroughly investigated the claims of Messrs Parsels and Co, and could [330] not find more due than Two hundred and forty Dollars; and reported accordingly; but which sum they declined receiving at that time. They are now willing to accept it, and your Committee offer a resolution to that effect,

Resolved, that the sum of Two hundred and forty Dollars be paid to Messrs Peter Parsels and Co in full for all claims against this Corporation for regulating certain Streets at the Village of Greenwich, and that the Comptroller be instructed to prepare a Warrant for that

amount, without Interest, and to present the same at the next meeting of this Board.

Robert Swartwout,
(signed) Asa Mann,
Isaac Emmons,
Shivers Parker.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Ordinances reported by the City Inspector for filling in the sunken Lots of Peter Ogilvie and John F. Delaplane reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Ordinances for filling the sunken Lots therein mentioned, Report,

that in their opinion it is inexpedient to have [331] the conditions of the same carried into effect, and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to have the Ordinances requiring Peter Ogilvie and John F Delaplane to cause the sunken Lots therein set forth to be carried into effect

Robert Swartwout,
(signed.) Asa Mann,
Isaac Emmons,

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and the communication of William Mooney on the same subject (reported.) presented a report which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Thorp gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred certain resolutions respecting the Markets, reported,

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that the Value of many of the Stalls has been much enhanced in consequence of the satisfaction [332] which the present incumbents have given to their Customers. That if all the Stalls are indiscriminately exposed for sale at Auction, the occupiers of those Stalls might be necessitated to abandon them, or to pay more than they would have been worth, had it not been for their good conduct.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that it ought to be left discretionary with them to lease the Stalls at Auction, or otherwise as they may deem it most expedient,

The Committee are also of opinion that the resolutions of the Board with respect to the stands for Country People and others should be modified.

By those resolutions the Committee are required to rent the whole of them as soon as the necessary arrangements are made for that purpose. The effect of this would be to exclude all Country people who might not make the necessary arrangements for being accommodated. The Committee are therefore of opinion that it is not expedient to rent any more of those than there may be suitable applications for.

The Committee have made the necessary enquiries to satisfy themselves as to the expediency of requiring a year's rent to be paid in advance, and they are [of] opinion that it would be an extremely inconvenient regulation for many of the [333] Butchers. They therefore recommend that only one Quarter's Rent be paid in advance, and that a condition should be attached to the Leases, that if the rents for the succeeding quarters are not paid in advance on the day on which they become due that the Leases be forfeited.

In the resolutions referred to the Committee it is not specified whether the rents are to be in lieu of Market fees. As the payment of a specified sum of Money at stated periods would be attended with less inconvenience to the Butchers, and could be collected at less expense to the Corporation, and as that mode of proceeding would answer the end which the Board has in view the Committee recommend that it be adopted.

For the purpose of keeping the Markets at all times subject to the controul of the Board, the Committee are of opinion that the Leases should be granted upon condition that the Lessees conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Corporation upon the subject of the Markets.

The Committee also recommend that all the rents for the Stalls be collected by the Collector for the Corporation revenues. For the purpose [of] carrying these views into effect the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Mar- [334] ket Committee on or before the first day of May next to rent at Public Auction or otherwise, as they may deem expedient, for One or more years all the Butcher's Stalls in the several Markets of this City.

Resolved, that the Market Committee be authorised to lease, from time to time, as they may deem expedient so many of the stands for fishermen, Country people and sellers of vegetables and fruit as they may have suitable applications for, for one or more years.

Resolved, that the rent of all stalls and stands shall be paid quarterly in advance, and shall be in lieu of Market fees, and that the Leases shall contain a provision that if the rent shall not be punctually paid, or if the Lessees shall not conform to the provisions of the Law to regulate the public Markets, and to such Ordinances and regulations as the Common Council may hereafter make, that their Leases shall be forfeited.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Collector of the Corporation revenues to collect the rents for said stalls and stands.

Harm^{s} Tallman,
(signed.) Charles Town,
Stephen Allen.

Which was approved, and the resolutions adopted.

[335] The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition for an Engine in the vicinity of S^{t} John's Church reported,

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of John Morss, and others Inhabitants of the Fifth Ward in the vicinity of S^{t} John's Church praying that a Fire Engine should be made, placed and established near said Church for the benefit and safety of that part of said City,

Respectfully Report, that they have had the said petition under consideration, and that it appears to your Committee that the present number of Fire Engines is sufficient for the extinguishing of fires.

That there are a number of Fire Engines in the vicinity of said Church that may be used to extinguish fires in that vicinity in less time than would be required in a number of other situations in this City, and therefore are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

John P. Anthony,
(signed.) Harm^{s} Tallman,
Robert M^{c}Queen.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

[336] The same Committee, on the petition of John Addington, reported,

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Company N^{o} 15, stating that John Addington was duly admitted a member of said Company the 8th day of November 1804, and that from some mistake the time was not duly entered on

the public books, and praying the priveleges authorised by Law may be granted to the said John Addington as they are well satisfied that he is entitled to the same.

Report, that they had the same under consideration, and are satisfyed that the facts set forth in the petition are true, respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council be, and he is hereby authorised to amend the Minutes in conformity to the prayer of the petitioners.

John P. Anthony,
(signed.) Harm^{s} Tallman,
Robert M^{c}Queen.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of John W. Hinton reported.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of John W Hinton [337] stating that he was admitted a Fireman in Company N^{o} 20, the 11th November 1805, has faithfully served as such in said Company from that period, and is at present a Member of the said Company—That on application to the Clerk of the Board for a Certificate, he stated that, his name did not appear on the Minutes, and praying that his name may be placed on the Minutes, as a Fireman, appointed November 11th 1805.

Report, that your Committee have made the necessary enquiries, and are satisfyed that the statement made is correct, respectfully offer the following resolution. Resolved,

That the Clerk of the Common Council be, and he is hereby authorised to enter the name of John W Hinton on the Minutes in conformity to the prayer of the petitioner.

John P. Anthony,
(signed.) Harm^{s} Tallman,
Robert M^{c}Queen.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of the Auctioneers in relation to Sales in the vicinity of the Coffee House reported,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of sundry persons against, and also [338] the petition of sundry Auctioneers in favor of continuing the Sales at Auction in Wall Street between Water and Front Street, Report, that in the opinion of the Committee the prayer of the Petitioners (for the reasons set forth in the remonstrance ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution, Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer

of the petitioners to hold Sales at Auction in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets.

Robert Swartwout.
(Signed.) Asa Mann.
Isaac Emmons.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Law regulating Sales at Auction was then taken up, and amended agreeably to said report of Committee,

A Letter was received from Alpheus Sherman Esquire, resigning his Office of Attorney to the Corporation, and tendering his acknowledgment for the kind attention which he had received from the Members of the Common Council, and for the confidence reposed in him: Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted. Mr Hammond presented the following Resolutions, which [339] were unanimously adopted,

Resolved, that Alpheus Sherman Esquire be authorised and requested to finish all business begun by him as the Attorney of this board, and now unfinished. And that he continue to act as Attorney for the Board until Mr Ulshoeffer shall be ready to take upon him the duties of the Office.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Corporation be given to Alpheus Sherman Esquire for the faithful manner in which he has executed the Duties of the Office of Attorney of this Board.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy, when Michael Ulshoeffer was elected.

The Board also proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the Office of Deputy Clerk of Greenwich, Spring Street, Centre, Essex and Gouverneur Markets in place of John Varick, when Ezra Frost was chosen.

The Board also proceeded to elect by Ballot a person to fill the place of Loan Officer for the City and County made vacant by the resignation of John T Irving Esquire, when Jacob Drake was chosen.

The Board proceeded agreeably to Law to elect persons to serve as Inspectors, in the several Wards, [340] of the ensuing annual State and Charter Elections, when the following persons were chosen.

Inspectors of Election.

John J Lawrence. Isaac Sebring. Stephen Whitney	First Ward.
Stephen Van Wyck. Jonathan J Coddington. Elam Williams.	Second Ward.

John Salisbury. Benjamin Stephens. John C Hamilton	Third Ward.
Abraham Bloodgood. Jacob Van Derpool. John Robins.	Fourth Ward.
James D Westervelt. Benjamin Strong. Arthur Smith.	Fifth Ward.
William Al Burtis. Richard L Walker. William Coulthard.	Sixth Ward.
[341] Abraham Dally. Michael M Titus. Henry Brooks	Seventh Ward.
Gilbert Coutant. Jacob Aimes. Stuart F Randolph.	Eighth Ward.
Jacob Dyckman. Dirck Ten Broeck. Thomas Miller.	Ninth Ward.
David Seaman. Reuben Clark. Jeremiah Lounsberry.	Tenth Ward.

A resolution was proposed by Mr Crane, the sums being in blank, which was adopted and the blanks filled up as follows.

Resolved, that the Counsellor of the Board be instructed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the Statute dividing the Mayoralty duties, and for the appointment of a First Judge, so far as relates to the Salary of the Mayor and Recorder, and that the Salary of the Mayor be fixed at $3000 per Annum, and of the Recorder [342] $1500. per Annum, payable quarterly.

The following resolution was presented and agreed to,

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to give notice in the papers employed by the Corporation, that sealed proposals will be received at his Office until 2 O'Clock on Monday the 16th day of April Instant for a Lease of the public Wharves, Piers and Slips, for one year from the first day of May next, subject to the ordinance of the Common Council.

A Resolution directing five men to be added to Hook and Ladder Company No 3, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved, that the Law regulating the lying of Vessels at the Pub-

lic Wharves and Slips be printed in the papers employed by the Corporation.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of repairs be instructed to prepare 10 Ballot Boxes for the reception of the Votes which may be given in at the ensuing election for or against a convention.

The agreement with B. Birdsall for the Iron work of the fence around the Park, which was [343] laid for consideration, was now called up, approved and directed to be executed.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Mayor and Recorder to procure copies of such laws relating to this City that have been passed at the late Session of the Legislature, as they shall judge advisable.

Resolved, that an Index to the Laws of the Corporation be made under the direction of the Counsel.

The Board then proceeded to consider the Laws revised by the Committee on Laws and the Counsel.

The Law respecting Weights and Measures was referred back to the Committee on Laws to make it conformable to the State Law passed on that subject.

The Law relative to Drains and Sewers was, after some discussion, directed to be postponed and printed for the use of the Members.

The following Laws were then considered and passed.

A Law for the appointment of an Overseer of the Public roads and Highways, and of a Road Committee.

A Law to prevent the firing of guns, and discharging [344] of Rockets, squibs, crackers and other fire works.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Board should be held on Monday Evening next at 5 O'Clock.

[345 and 346 blank.]

[347] Special Meeting. In Common Council April 9th 1821.

Present. The Hon[l] Stephen Allen, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker.	Thomas Bolton.
Thomas S Townsend.	Abraham Valentine.
John P. Anthony.	Benjamin Crane.
Robert Swartwout.	Charles Town.
Robert McQueen.	Shivers Parker.
Asa Mann.	Isaac Emmons.
David Board.	Gerard DePeyster.
George B Thorp.	Judah Hammond.

The following resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election, and the persons herein after named were appointed in their stead.

Isaac Sebring first Ward Resigned.
Henry J. Wyckoff. Appointed.
Stephen Van Wyck, Second Ward. Resigned.
William M. Hewlet. Appointed.
[348] John Salisbury, Third Ward. Resigned.
John W. Hinton. Appointed.
Michael M Titus. Seventh Ward. Resigned.
David Lyon. Appointed.
Gilbert Coutant, Eighth Ward, Resigned.
Jacob B Taylor, Appointed.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Catharine Street, between Bancker Street and Catharine Market praying, in consequence of the many robberies that have been lately perpetrated in that vicinity, that a Watch may be stationed in that District, was referred to the Watch Committeee,

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 2 complaining of the great weight of the Engine and praying it may be reduced, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the Bowery corner of First Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition for paving the side Walks in *El-* [349] Eldridge Street, between Broome and Delancey Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from William G Bulkley for a Vault in Broad Way between Broome and Grand Street.

A Petition from Henry Wandell for permission to construct a Vault in Pike Street, opposite the corner of Lombardy and Pike Street

and

A Petition from the President and Directors of the North River Bank to construct a Vault opposite their Banking House in Greenwich Street, between Vesey and Fulton Street, were severally read and referred to the Street Commissioner, and the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards, to grant on the usual Terms.

A Petition for paving the side Walks in Broome Street from the Bowery to Allen Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Barnard Kelly for a Huckster's Stand in one of the Markets, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Owners of real Estate on [350] Grand Street, praying that a Sewer may be constructed through the Middle of Grand Street, to the sewer to be made in Thompson Street, to the main Sewer in Canal Street, was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

An account was presented from Richard Hatfield of articles of Office furniture left by the late Clerk of Sessions, allowed for by said Hatfield as Public property amounting to $125, and praying to be paid therefor, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of William Henderson and William Denning Executors of William Denning deceased, complaining that a certain portion of ground purchased by their Testator from the Corporation of Trinity Church, and lying between Murray and Warren Street, and the East side of Geeenwich Street and the River had been taken from them for widening Washington Street, without any allowance having been made to them therefor, and praying relief was read and referred to the Counsel to report thereon.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board [a] certified copy of a Law passed at the last Session of [351] the Legislature, entitled "an Act respecting the Sealers of Weights and Measures in the City of New York," which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices and the Counsel.

A Petition from John Van Zandt and from Oliver Vanderbilt for appointment of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Report of the Keeper of the Bridewell of persons confined in that Prison on 19th March last was presented and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Public Offices on the subject of providing a room for the First Judge reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of providing a Room for the First Judge,

Respectfully Report,

That they have had several conferences, and after mature deliberation have concluded, that, in their opinion, the only proper place for the location would be the Office now occupied by the Sheriff, in as much as the First Judge receives no salary but in lieu thereof, gets the fees arising from first motions, together with a proportion of Chamber business.

[352] Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, in order to put the First Judge and Recorder on an equal footing,

Resolved, that the Superintendent of repairs *of Repairs* be instructed to fit up the room lately occupied by the Register on the first floor of this building for the use of the Sheriff, and so soon as the same shall be completed, the first Judge to take possession of the room now occupied by the Sheriff.

Resolved, that the Clerk notify the Sheriff of the above arrangement.

Respectfully submitted by

B. Crane Ch^{n}

(signed) Gerard De Peyster,

Ab^{m} Valentine.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of David S Brooks reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of David S Brooks praying to be liberated from paying a Tax assessed on his personal property in the 10th Ward for the year 1820

He also states that he removed from the State of Connecticut to this City in the month of May last, that he was a stranger to our Laws, and had no [353] knowledge of the Assessment until called on by the Collector for payment. Report,

that on an examination of this case it appears from the evidence of the Assessors of the Ward in which he resides, that the Petitioner did know that he had been assessed. One of them says that he gave him a Notice stating the amount of the Assessment, and of the time and place of correcting errors, if any had been made, and that he had neglected to attend.

The Assessors further state, that at the time of making said Assessment they had good reason for believing it to be correct, and that they still adhere to that opinion.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not be granted.

Chas Town. Chn
(Signed.) Robt Swartwout.
Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Stephen [354] Richard reported,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Richard praying to be relieved from paying the tax assessed on his personal property in the 9th Ward, for the year 1820, Report,

That on an examination of this case, it appears that the Petitioner resides at Manhattan-ville, and that he also occupies and does business at the House N° 153 Broad Way at which place he has been rated and assessed to pay a personal Tax of $50, and has paid the same, as fully appears from the receipt of the Collector of the 3rd Ward; Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable and ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved—that the Collector of the 9th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the tax assessed on the personal property of Stephen Richard for the year 1820.

Chas Town. Chn
(Signed.) Robert Swartwout.
Thomas Bolton,
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[355] The same Committee on the Petition of Edward Pollock reported,

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Pollock, praying to be relieved, in part, from paying the Tax assessed on his personal property in the 2nd Ward for the year 1820,

Report, that on an examination of this case, it appears from a

certificate of the Assessors of the 2nd Ward, that the Petitioner, residing at N° 304 Pearl Street, was rated by them as being worth Ten thousand Dollars, personal estate, and to pay a tax of Fifty Dollars, that upon examination they find, a mistake has been made in said assessment, the Petitioner's personal property should have been rated at Five hundred Dollars, and he taxed Two Dollars and fifty cents. The Committee are decidedly of opinion, that this is a case in which relief ought to be given, and in order to effect it respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the 2nd Ward be instructed to receive from Edward Pollock, Two Dollars and fifty cents, in full for tax assessed on his personal property in said Ward for the year 1820, and that he return the Balance Forty seven Dollars fifty cents in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

[356] (signed.) Charles Town, Ch^n^
Robert Swartwout
Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Lands and Places on the Petition of the Trustees of the Asbury African Church reported,

The Committee on Public Lands and Places to whom was referred the Petition of the "Asbury African Church," praying for the use of a small piece of ground in Potter's Field to bury the poor members of their church in, Report,

That some of the Committee have examined Potter's field, and find that a convenient spot may be assigned them without injury to the general arrangement of the ground, and as a similar grant has been already made to another society under like circumstances, the Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Asbury African Society have the privelege of fencing in [357] fifty feet square of the South east corner of Potter's field, for the purpose of burying their dead therein, during the pleasure of the Corporation.

(signed.) Sam^l^ Tooker,
Gerard De Pe[y]ster,
Robert M Queen,
Shivers Parker,

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws on the Petition of Stephen Gould reported,

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Gould, representing that he had and could sell Ingersolls Digest of all the Laws of the United States at Six Dollars and seventy five cents per copy.

The Committee are of opinion that one copy ought to be provided for the use of the Mayor's office,

J. Hammond.
(signed.) Thomas Bolton.
Thos S Townsend.

Whereupon, on motion it was resolved that a copy be purchased for the use of the Mayor's office.

The Finance Committee on the communication of the Comptroller on the subject of errors committed by the Assessors of the several Wards in *copy* [358] copying the Tax Books, reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Comptroller on the subject of errors committed by the Assessors of the several Wards in copying the Tax books. Report,

That the petitions on this subject referred to the Committee on Assessments, and their several reports thereon to the Board, have shewn, that during the past year errors to a considerable amount have occurred, and that in some instances, where the assessment has been only hundreds of Dollars, it has been encreased to thousands by the addition of a cypher thro' the error of the transcriber. That is a question worthy of consideration whether it would accord with *with* strict justice, or a liberal construction of the Statute, to assess the remissions allowed for such errors on the respective Wards in which they have occurred.

This question the Committee consider to be the province of the Board of Supervisors to determine, and they therefore accord in opinion with the Comptroller, that the Collectors make a seperate return of all errors of the Assessors, for which a remission has been allowed, and that the same be laid before the Supervisors for their consideration, and they accordingly propose the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller instruct the several Ward Collectors that in making their returns [359] to the Treasurer, it will be required,

that they furnish a List, shewing the amount ordered to be deducted from the Taxes, in consequence of the errors of the Assessors.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen.
(signed.) B. Crane.
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Ebenezer Burling reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ebenezer Burling, praying that a new Warrant may issue in lieu of one lost by him some time since, Report,

That the Warrant alluded to was numbered 1203, and was issued on the 19th February last for the payment of 62 Dollars and 50 Cents— That said Warrant has not been paid by the Treasurer, and the Committee have no reason to doubt that it is lost, as stated by the petitioner and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to report a Warrant for Sixty two Dollars 50 cents, in lieu of that lost by Ebenezer Burling; and that the said Burling be required to execute an indemnity [360] bond to the Corporation to save them harmless from the payment of the Warrant so lost by him

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
(signed.) B. Crane,
J. Hammond.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the Petition of George P. Rogers, reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of George P Rogers praying to be released from a portion of the tax for 1820, on part of property lately assessed to the Corporation, between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, Report,

That the Corporation was put in possession of the property alluded to on the 12th day of January 1821, on which day the report of the Commissioners, appointed to value the ground now appropriated for a Market was confirmed by the Supreme Court. That the Taxes for 1820, were due, according to the true construction of the Law in the view of your Committee, at the date on which the Supervisors con-

firmed the Assessment, and placd the books into the hands of the Ward Collectors; and as the property of the *pe* [361] petitioner was not in the possession of the Corporation, until after the expiration of the year 1820, the taxes then due and unpaid must be considered as an encumbrance on the premises, and ought to be provided for as other incumbrances are. The Committee are of opinion therefore, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that any taxes or other incumbrance on the property alluded to, or any part of the same, ought to be deducted from the amount at which it was valued by the Commissioners, and they accordingly offer the following resolutions.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to retain from the valuation of any of the property between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, and between Front Street and the East River, such amount as will satisfy any taxes or *or* other incumbrances due on the same, prior to the 12th of January 1821, and which shall remain unpaid on the 12th day of May there after.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
(signed.) B. Crane,
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

[362] The same Committee on the petition of Le Grand Jarvis reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Le Grand Jarvis, one of the City Surveyors, praying that a reasonable compensation may be allowed him for his services in making a Map of the Sixth Ward, Report,

The Map, alluded to, was prepared by Mr Jarvis in order to assist the Assessors of said Ward in completing their Assessment, that the said Assessors have certified "that they found said Map quite useful and very accurate. That, about three years since, the Common Council directed Maps of the several Wards to be made, and the late Mr Ludlum prepared one for the Sixth Ward at an expense to the public of $180, but that this Map is said to contain many inaccuracies, not being founded on actual surveys. That the Map prepared by Mr Jarvis was without authority from the Board, and that therefore he has no just claim for compensation; but in consideration of the expense he has

incurred, in preparing said Map, and the public utility that may result from its accuracy, the Committee have concluded to recommend, that a moderate compensation be allowed him, and they propose the following resolution accordingly.

[363] Resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of Le Grand Jarvis for Fifty Dollars as a compensation for preparing a Map of the 6th Ward said Map, *said Map* to be a public Map, and placed in the office of the Street Commissioner accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Allen,
(signed.) B. Crane,
J. Hammond.

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The Counsel agreeably presented the draft of a Law, entitled a Law to establish the Salaries of the Mayor and Recorder which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Law for the government of the Penitentiary and other purposes, passed on the 2nd Instant, was on motion reconsidered, and amended so as to give the Keeper a Salary of Eight hundred Dollars per annum instead of One thousand, as before contained in the Law.

The Law to regulate the public Markets which was on the 5th of March last, laid for consideration, was called up and passed.

[364] Alderman Thorp agreeably to notice moved that the Board reconsider the Vote given at the last meeting on the Report of the Committee on Finance upon the petition of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and of William Mooney The question having been taken thereon, and the Ayes and Noes having been called, the Members voted as follows,

Ayes. Mr Recorder. Aldermen, McQueen, Man, Thorp. Mr Town, Parker, Emmons, DePeyster, 8.

Noes. Ald Tooker, Townsend, Anthony, Board. Mr Bolton, Valentine, Crane, Hammond.

The Board being equally divided; his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Affirmative.

So the motion for reconsideration was carried.

The report being read was in the words following.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen on the subject of a piece of ground held by William Mooney, under Lease from the

Corporation, and a communication from Mr Mooney on the same subject, report,

that the society have entered into an arrangement with said Mooney for the purchase of an irregular piece of ground fronting on Chamber Street, being part of several Lots leased to him by the Corporation [365] and on which it is intended to erect a building appropriated for a Mechanics School and Apprentices Library.

That they are to pay $1.000 to Mr Mooney's order, to be applied towards the reduction of the arrears of rent due on said ground, and also to assume the payment of $300 of the annual rent reserved on the same. That they pray the Common Council to execute to them a seperate and perpetual Lease for the ground alluded to, as described on the annexed Map, and in consideration of the uses to which the said ground is to be applied, they ask a reduction on the annual rent to some small and moderate sum.

The Committee have ascertained that Mr Mooney will assent to the foregoing arrangement; and he prays on his part, that he may receive a new Lease for that part of the ground, not included in the above, which shall be in lieu of the three Leases he now holds, and which will expire on the first days of May in the years 1826. 1831. and 1832. That the whole amount of rent reserved to the Corporation by the aforesaid Leases is $685; which after deducting the $300 to be assumed by the Society, will leave the future rent to be paid by said Mooney at $385. That the arrears of rent, including interest, up to the first day of May next, will amount to $4.360.79. One thousand dollars of which to be paid by the Society, will leave the balance at $3.360.79. The Committee have con- [366] cluded to recommend to the Board that this Balance of arrears together with the Interest which will accrue be added to the future rent of the premises, and that a just proportion of said balance be made payable annually, and they have accordingly caused the necessary calculations to be entered into, a copy of which is hereunto annexed: the result of which is that on a Lease of Ten years, the annual rent including the present, will be $841.64, and they beg leave to recommend that a Lease be executed, to expire on the first day of May 1831, at the annual rent aforesaid, and that said lease contain the same conditions, except as to amount of rent, and length of time, as the leases now held by the said Mooney

The Committee beg leave respectfully to call the perticular attention of the board to the request made by the Mechanics Society. The improvement of this property by the Society, is an object of some

importance in a public point of view, as it will be an ornimental improvement of that part of the City; but the appropriation of the building as a School House and Library for apprentices, and the beneficial effects that will naturally result from such an establishment, are, in the opinion of your Committee of much greater consequence to the community, and demand the encouragement and appreciation of the Common [367] Council, who are not only the conservators of the public property, but also the guardians, and protectors of the public morals. This Society has been Incorporated by the Legislature about Twenty Years, and during that period, have supported a great number of indigent Members, widows, and orphan Children, without asking or receiving the least pecuniary aid from the public. They have at this moment, Thirty Widows, and seventeen children on their Pension list, and annually expend for their support about $2000. The support thus afforded by the Society, will have lessoned in some measure the public expenditure, for it is reasonable to suppose, that without this relief, a portion of these pensioners, would have become the Pensioners of the Commissioners of the Alms House, instead of being the pensioners of the Society.

The Society have also been at considerable expense incidental to the establishment of the School and Library, amounting to $2384, and the annual disbursement for its support is estimated at $1300. These facts and considerations have induced your Committee to recommend that a perpetual lease be given the Society at a moderate rent, provided the buildings to be erected shall continue to be used for the purpose of a Mechanics School and apprentices Library; and in order that the Board may determine what that rent [368] shall be, the Committee have reported in blank—and they offer the following accordingly

Resolved that a lease for Sixty Years be executed to the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, for that part of the Lots now held by William Mooney, designated on the annexed Map, and at an annual rent of $150—conditioned, that a School House shall be erected on said ground, on or before the first day of May 1822; and that whenever the said School House shall Cease to be used as such, all the rights of the Society to the premises, shall revert to the Corporation

Rosolved, that a lease be executed in favor of William Mooney, for that part of the premises to be retained by him, also designated on the annexed Map, at the annual rent of 841 Dollars 64 Cents, and for the term of Ten Years from the first day of May next; said lease

to contain the same conditions, except as to the amount of rent, and length of term, as the Leases now held by him; provided he assigns to the Corporation the aforesaid leases

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
J Hammond
B Crane

[369] Alderman Thorp then moved to strike out of the first Resolution the words $150 for the purpose of inserting a Smaller sum, the question being taken it passed in the negative.

Mr Emmons the[n] moved to strike out of the same resolution the words perpetual lease, in order to insert a lease for a term of years—this was agreed to—It was then moved to insert the words "One Hundred Years" this was lost,

It was then moved to insert "Ninety Nine Years" this was also lost.

It was then moved to insert Sixty Years which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to and is in the following words

Resolved that a lease for Sixty Years be executed to the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, for that part of the lots now held by William Mooney designated on the annexed map, and at an annual rent of $150 Conditioned, that a School House be erected, on said ground, on or before the first day of May 1822: and that whenever the said School House shall cease to be used as such, all the rights of the Society to the premises, shall revert to the Corporation.

Resolved that a lease be executed in favour of William Mooney, for that part of the [370] Premises to be retained by him, also designated on the annexed map, at the annual rent of $841.64, and for the term of Ten Years from the first day of May next; said Lease to contain the same Conditions, except as to the amount of rent, and length of term, as the Leases now held by him; provided he assigns to the Corporation the aforesaid Leases

The Board adjourned

[371] In Common Council April 16 1821

Present. The Hon[l] Stephen Allen, Mayor, President

Aldermen	Assistants
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Leonard Kip	Benj. Crane
Jn[o] P Anthony	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
David Board	Isaac Emmons
	Gerard DePeyster

The Minutes of the last Meeting & of the Special Meeting were read and approved

A Report was presented from the Keeper of the Bridewell of the persons confined therein which was ordered to be filed

The Resignation of Jonathan J Coddington Inspector of the 2[d] Ward, of the ensuing Election, was received and accepted, and John Sutphen was appointed in his place

A Petition from William A Hardenbrook, lessee [372] of Corporation, praying relief from rent due was read and refered to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas & George Lovett Contractors for filling in the Dock with earth, between Roosevelt and Dover Streets, praying time to the first of August next to complete the said Contract. was read and [referred] to Commissioners of Wharves Piers and Slips with authority to grant the p[r]ayer of Petitioners

A Petition that the cartway and side walks in Rose Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Patchin for permission to sell meat, in a House to be erected for that purpose by him in the Bowery, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter was received from Peter A Jay stating that in the suit of the Corporation against Frederick De Peyster judgment has been recorded for the defendant, and the costs amounted to 70 dolls 39 cents and requesting a Warrant to be reported for the same, whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee

[373] A Petition for a Well in the 10[th] Ward between Rivington & Stanton Streets, & was referred to the Alderman & assistant Alderman of that Ward and *instructed Committee* [Street Commissioner] to report and order thereupon.

A Remonstrance against the Petition lately presented for paving

Broome Street, was presented and was referred to the Street Commissioner,

A Petition of Samuel Woodruff to be relieved from a Personal Tax assessed on him, was referred to the Commissioner on Assessments

A Petition of Charles Guillee, was presented stating that he had constructed an Air Balloon, with which he purposes to ascend from the Vauxhall Garden and praying the board to grant him permission for such asscension early in May next which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences with authority to grant permission if in their opinion proper.

A Remonstrance from several Persons who Cultivate Gardens in the vicinity of the Vauxhall Garden against granting permission for Mr Guille, as the crowd attending on his former ascension did considerable injury to their fences & grounds, was read and referred to the same Committee

[374] A Petition of George Pessinger for Stall No 52 Fly Market.

A Petition of Meade Darragh for the same stall

And a Petition of James Carr late occupant of said stall, stating that on account of some pecuniary difficulties he has been for a few days past confined in Gaol, but expects soon to be liberated & praying said stall may not be granted to another; were severally received and refferred to the Market Committee

An Account for Costs in a suit of the Corporation against Benjn Field, in the Court of the 7th Ward—in which judgment was recorded for defendant, amounting to 5 Dolls 76 cents was presented & referred to the committee on Public Offices

A Remonstrance, from a number of Inhabitants against the petition of Philip Hone, respecting his lease for Hoboken Ferry and praying he may not be released from the condition to run a Horse boat from the foot of Spring Street or to remove the Ferry on the Jersey side from Hoboken, was received and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of George Morton, to be permitted [375] to construct a drain from his cellar into the sewer in Carmine Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Brower for appointment of sealer of Weights & Measures, was received, and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Memorial was received from a Committee of the General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen in the City of New York, objecting to the

rent reserved in the Lease of the Ground in Chatham Street proposed to be granted to the Society and declining to receive the lease upon those terms, was read.

A Resolution was offered by the Recorder lowering the Rent to $100 per annum while the Ground should be occupied for the purposes mentioned in the Lease—after some debate the Memorial & Resolution were referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from Uzziah Wenman, Foreman of Fire Engine N° 39 stating that Mr George E Richards had imported 52 feet of French Flax woven Hose for trial—that upon trial it had been approved of and the Company were desirous, it should be purchased by the Corporation for their use—whereupon the [376] same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Charles Hopper—praying relief from an assessment of Tax on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Letter was received from Alexander Robertson Secretary of the American Academy of Fine Arts, requesting in behalf of the Society the use of the Portrait of General Jackson to be placed in their Gallery of Paintings at the ensuing annual Exhibition—which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences, with Authority to grant the request

A Petition of Samuel Akerly in behalf of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf & Dumb, praying a remission of a Tax assessed on house No 122 Lombardy Street Occupied as an Asylum for the Male Pupils of the Institution, which was referred to the Commissioner on Assessments

A Petition of William M Hitchcock and Benjamin Disbrow Contractors for the Street Manure, requesting for the reasons stated [377] in their Memorial, that the Corporation would take into Consideration, the losses they are likely to sustain by their contract, and would make such deduction from the Sum stipulated by them to pay as they shall deem just and equitable was read—whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial was received from John Stevens stating that he is Proprietor of the Ferry at Hoboken on the Jersey side—That he gave to Messrs Swartwouts a Lease of said Ferry for Ten Years, in which Lease was a clause that the same should not be assigned, with[out] the consent of the Petitioner, That without his consent the Messrs Swartwouts assigned the Lease to Mr Philip Hone—that Mr Hone keeps on board his boats a Bar in which refreshments are sold, which is much to the injury of a House of Entertainment Established by Pe-

titioner at Hoboken—and praying that if the Corporation should assign to Mr Hone a different Landing place on the Jersey Side, that they would assign to Petitioner a convenient place of landing for his Boats on the New York side—whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee

[378] The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 17

William Scott Lumber Merchant No 148 Bowery 7th Ward Vice John A Collard resigned

No 37

Samuel Buchanan Grocer Bayard corner of Mott St Vice John Edwards resigned

Henry Wiley. Blacksmith No 113 Hester St. 10th Ward Vice Peter Hepburn resigned

Elisha Minerly Blacksmith No 113 Hester St. 10th Ward Vice Matthew V Carstang resigned

James Ransom Mason No 78 Pump Street 10th Ward Vice Selah Platt resigned

No 42

Abraham L Cannadey Mason No 239 Cherry St 7th Ward Vice Samuel Bowman resigned

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in First Street near the Bowery, which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brown[er] and Alexander Clark were appointed Assessors

[379] The Street Commissioner also presented the following

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that by the resolutions passed on 14th June and 9th of August 1819. Joshua Jones Esqr was authorized to take possession of the Northerly side of the Old Pier at the Foot of Vesey Street, upon paying Two thirds of its value

On the 10th of April 1820—Mr George Lovett was appointed by the Board to join such person as should be appointed by Mr Jones in Valueing the same, and this day he received the enclosed Valuation which he submits for their Consideration

all which is respectfully submitted

Jno McComb
Street Commissioner.

We the undersigned having been appointed by the Hon[l] the Corporation, and Joshua Jones, Esq[r] to value the Wharf at the foot of Vesey Street from the West side of West Street to the Pier lately Built—have estimated the value of said Wharf at Fifteen Hundred & fifty three Dollars

George Lovett
Abraham Storms

Whereupon it was resolved that the said valuation be approved and confirmed

[380] The Street Commissioner also reported that the Opening and extending Lispenard Street was to take place on the 1[st] of May next and he recommended that the Buildings on the Street be sold and removed, which was approved, and he was directed to carry the same into effect

He also presented an assessment for Repaving the Intersection of Orange and Bayard Streets which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for correction of Nuisances which was passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinance for correcting Nuisances, Viz

N° 1	Abijah Hammond	Owner	24 Harman St	a Privy
2	John Thomas	Occupant	135 Division St	" do
3	L Campbell	do	135 Division St	" do
4	Pat Shannon	do	3 Moore St	" do
5	J Tough	do	55 Mulberry St	" do
6	D Hagerty	do	106 Anthony St	" do
7	do	Owner	108 do	" do
8	F Rampin	Occupant	68 Pump St	" do
9	Charles Peck	do	70 do	" do
10	J Hunn	do	1 Ferry St	" do
11	[381] A Higgins	do	3 do	do
12	Jas Meinnell	do	7 do	do
13	G Lee	do	5 do	do
14	M Shipley	do	9 do	do
15	J Nursen	do	13 do	do
16	D Berrian	do	1 Hague St	do
17	D Lonin	do	5 do	do
18	J Murphy	do	7 do	do
19	S Burlock	do	1 Jacob St	do
20	J Asten	do	3 do	do
21	Mrs Morris	do	5 do	do
22	J Hanmer	do	373 Pearl	do
23	F Hern	do	395 do	do

24	J Alexander	Occupant	397 Pearl	a Privy
25	M Shipley	do	49 Frankfort	do
26	Wm Hedden	do	50 do	do
27	G Bunce	do	58 do	do
28	F B Fitch	do	60 do	do
29	J White	do	4 Vandewater	do
30	I Corse	do	7 do	do
31	P Dinan	do	20 do	do
32	D Higby	do	22 do	do
33	S Whitlock	do	30 do	do
34	S Burchell	do	34 do	do
35	Mrs Edwards	do	94 Gold	do
36	Mr Whittemore	do	98 do	do
37	[382] G Englehart	do	100 do	do
38	S McCormick	do	102 do	do
39	Ths Brown	do	104 do	do
40	Dl Waldron	do	108 do	do
41	A Ackers	do	9 Rose St	do
42	Wm Primrose	do	11 do	do
43	J Guion	do	13 do	do
44	Mrs Gallaway	do	19 do	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

The Councel presented for execution a Grant for a Water Lot of Ground near Roosevelt St to Margaret Miller wife of Sylvanus Miller also Quit claim Deed to Sylvanus Miller for a gore of Land adjoining Lot of said Margaret near Roosevelt Street between Water & Front Streets which were directed to be executed

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John R Murray as attorney for Hannah Murray reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Communication from John R Murray attorney for Hannah Murray, complaining that an award due him in opening [383] Green and Wooster Streets is withheld, in consequence of the non payment of the assessment on his property for building the Sewer in Canal Street Report

That the assessment on Mr Murrays property for building the sewer and regulating Canal Street amounts to $7380.85, and was advanced by the Corporation to the Contractors in 1819; but that Mr Murray and others have deemed it proper to withhold the payment of said amount, and have instituted proceedings in the Supreme Court for the purpose of making void the assessment, That the Award due Mr Murray for property taken in opening Green & Wooster streets only amounts to $4756.57, which was payable on the 28th day of February last, and is withheld by the Street Commissioner, on the

advice of your Committee, untill the question respecting the validity of the assessment for Canal street shall be settled—The Committee cannot conceive, that the least injustice is done to Mr Murray by the withholding of this payment, as the sum due the Corporation is much the largest in amount, and as Interest will of course be mutually charged and allowed, on that due each party; and perticularly as the precedent has been established by himself in withholding the Money due the Corporation [384] and instituting proceedings which preclude a speedy settlement of the matter in controversey

The Committee therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to pay the award to Hannah Murray for opening Green and Wooster Streets, untill the proceedings in the Case of Canal Street sewer be adjusted

Resolved, that Interest be allowed on said award from and after the 28th day of February last

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
B Crane
J Hammond

which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Law relating to drains and sewers was called up and after some discussion was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Alderman Tooker Alderman Board Alderman Mann

A Resolution was proposed by Alderman Mann, refering it to the Alderman and [385] assistant Alderman of the several Wards together with the assessors to correct and make out a list of Jurors, to serve in the several Courts during the present year, on the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the negative

It was afterwards reconsidered and was after some discussion referred to a Special Committee Consisting of Alderman Mann Mr Bolton Alderman Thorp

The Doors on Motion were closed.

The Comptroller presented the sealed proposals which had been offered for the Lease of the Public Docks & Slips

The Proposal of Edward Hitchcock for One Year from the first day of May next offering Twenty five Thousand Three Hundred & Seventy Dollars and offering Robert Bogardus and Jonas Mapes as his sureties, was accepted and the Counsel directed to prepare the necessary papers

Doors were again opened

[386] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 2nd Inst	301.70	
Received for Tax of 1820. 2d 5th & 7th wards	10.500.	
" " Streets	4667.99	
" " Rents	1697.16	
" Justices Courts 4 Districts	473.50	
		17.640.35

27 Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st Distk	981.75	
Hibberd & clark do 2 "	645.75	
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	414.75	
Legrand Jarvis for a Map of 6th Ward	50.	
Charles H Robinson for 16 Casks Oil	619.12	
Robert Provoost Repairing lamps 1 Mo 1st Inst	108.44	
F B Winthrop Treasurer of City Dispensary Donation to vaccine Department 1 Year to 16 March	600.	
F Yeomans 2d Instalment filling Canal St Basin	2500.	
Tho Lovitt Acct paving Grand Street from Arundel Street to East River	500.	
C Mooney Acct paving side walks Canal Street & Intersection Broadway	400.	
H Smith Acct paving Collect Street	300.	
Jas. Meghans Acct paving Harman St	300.	
Peter Parcels & Co in full for all claims for regulating certain Streets at Greenwich	240.	
H Smith for stone at foot of Canal St Sewer	160.62	
H & W Cochrane Acct paving Hudson St from Canal to Spr[ing]	100.	
[387] Jas Pinkerton for paving a[t] Lents basin	66.45	
do " paving Crane wharf to abate nuisance	63.	
J. McComb " regulating & curbing 2d Avenue	53.78	
G Lovett 3rd Instalment filling Roosevelt St Slip	674.42	
J Anderson for completing pier foot of Vesey St	400.	
J. Halsey balance building sewer Roosevelt St	390.75	
J Pinkerton for regulating & paving at Exchange Slip	324.80	
H Waterbury Work at Mud Machine	108.33	
J McComb Street Commissr for repairing Roads	500.	
J P Roome Supt Repairs Docks & Slips	1560.	
do do for Repairs	424.	
R Furman Superintendant Alms House	5000.	17485.96
	Balance	$154.39

Board Adjourned to this day fortnight

[388] Special Meeting. In Common Council April 23d 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abr Valentine
	Harmanus Tallman
Jn[o] P Anthony.	Benj Crane
	Cha[s] Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
David Board	
Ge[o] B Thorp	Isaac Emmons

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had called this meeting at the request of the Committee on the proposed Market between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf

The Committee appointed to procure plans and estimates, and to superintend the building a Market House between Fulton Street & Crane Wharf reported

[389] The Committee appointed to procure plans and estimates for, and to superintend the building a Market House between Fulton Street & Crane Wharf Report

That in Conformity with the duties assigned them, they have had advertised for, and received plans for the proposed market buildings, and have given the subject that attention and deliberation which its magnitude and importance seemed to require

In making a selection from amoung the variety of plans which have been presented they have been actuated by the important considerations of combining Strength and Elegance with Utility and Economy, and have therefore made choice of the plan presented on the drawings made by James ODonnell Architect, as uniting more of the views of the Committee, than any other which have been presented, and which with some alterations that May suggest themselves to the Committee in the course of their having the Work executed, they recommend to the Board for their approbation and adoption, and accordingly offer the following Resolutions

[390] Resolved that the plan presented by James O'Donnell for a public Market on the grounds between Fulton Street & Crane Wharf be adopted, with the exception of substituting an open, instead of a close[d] market

Resolved that a Warrant be reported for $100 to pay James ODonnell the premium for the plans adopted for the Fulton Market

Asa Mann
Thos S Townsend
Abr Valentine
Jn° P Anthony

which Report was approved and the Resolutions adopted

A Letter was received from Henry J Wyckoff resigning his appointment as Inspector of the 1st Ward, which was accepted and George Griswold was appointed in his place

Upon Motion the Confirmation of the Assessment for repairing the Intersection of Orange and Bayard Streets, was reconsidered, and it was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[391] A Petition of Hezekiah Rutledge for relief from a Personal Tax, was referred to the Commissioner on assessments

A Petition of Joseph Townsend for stall N° 52 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants and owners of Houses and Lots in Chappel Street between Reed & Barclay Streets praying that the name of said Street may be changed to Hudson Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Alderman and assistant Alderman of 3rd Ward

A Petition of the Chimney Sweep Masters praying that the Owners of the patent Machine Chimney sweepers, may be subjected to the same regulations, with the chimney sweepers, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

The Committee on Public Lands and Places, on the Petition of Benjamin Bull for erecting a new invented scale for weighing Hay &c reported

[392] The Committee on Public Lands and Places, to whom was referred the application of Benjamin Bull, for permission to erect a new invented Scales for weighing Hay Cattle &c near the Bulls Head —report,

That they have made the necessary enquiry, and find that the Inhabitants of Bayard street are willing that an experiment should be made by erecting said scales in their Street. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved that Benjamin Bull have the privaledge of erecting his Scales in Bayard Street, between Elizabeth Street and the Bowery, in front of Property of John Fink on the North side of said street

Resolved, that Benjamin Bull, be and is hereby appointed a Public Weigher

Sam[l] Tooker
Isaac Emmons
Shivers Parker

which report *which* [was] approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was [393] referred the communication from the Mechanics Society declining to accept a lease on the terms prescribed by the board, of the Ground now in possession of M[r] W[m] Mooney together with a resolution on the same subject reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Mechanic's Society, declining to accept a Lease, on the terms prescribed by the Board of the piece of Ground now in possession of William Mooney, together with a resolution on the same subject—Report

That they deem it unnecessary again to enter into a recital of the reasons already offered to the Board, in favor of the objects for which the aforesaid Lease is required; and have therefore concluded to recommend the adoption of the following resolution which they have ascertained will be acceded to *be* [by] the Society

Resolved that a Lease for Sixty Years be granted the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, for the piece of Ground alluded to, at the annual rent of One Hundred & twenty five Dollars, so long as the buildings to be erected thereon be used as a Mechanics School and Apprentices Library; and that, whenever the said buildings shall [394] Cease to be used as such, the rent for the residue of the term shall be fixed and determined by apprisers mutually appointed by the parties—provided the said premises be occupied as aforesaid, on or before the first day of May 1822 otheways to revert back to the Corporation

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
B Crane

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

Board adjourned

[395] In Common Council April 30. 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Leonard Kip	Harmanus Talman
Jn[o] P Anthony	Benj Crane
Robert Swartwout	Chas Town
Rob[t] McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	
David Board	Isaac Emmons
Ge[o] B Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the last Meeting and of the Special Meeting were read and approved

An Invitation from the American Academy of Fine Arts to the members of the Corporation and their Families to a private view of their Gallery on Saturday next prior to its being opened to the Public was read and accepted

[396] The following Return from John L Broome Esq clerk of the City and County of New York of Persons elected to Office at the late Charter Election was presented and read

Thereupon the clerk was directed to give notice to the persons elected to attend at the Common Council Chamber on the 2[d] Monday of May next (14[th]) to take the Oaths prescribed by the Charter and Laws

By the Returns filed in my Office it appears that at the late Election of Charter Officers for this City, the Persons herein after named were elected to the offices set opposite to their respective names 30[th] April 1821

Henry J Wyckoff	Alderman	First Ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
Elisha Tibbits, John H Bailey	Assessors	
Daniel J Ebbetts	Collector	
Robert Graham, John S Delamater	Constables	
Thomas S Townsend	Alderman	Second Ward
Abraham Valentine	Assistant	
William W Fox, Jacob Drake	Assessors	
[397] Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
Jno Wintringham, Richard Ellis	Constables	

Maltby Gelston	Alderman	Third Ward
William H Ireland	Assistant	
Nathaniel C Griffith, Isaac Graham	Assessors	
Abraham King	Collector	
Henry Graham, Simon VanAntwerp	Constables	
John P Anthony	Alderman	Fourth Ward
Benjamin Crane	Assistant	
Peter Bonnett, Lewis Hartman	Assessors	
Adolph L Degrove	Collector	
James G Finn, Rufus Seeley	Constables	
John Bingham	Alderman	Fifth Ward
Charles Town	Assistant	
George Sutton, Leonard Warner	Assessors	
William Berrian	Collector	
John Striker, John M Lester	Constables	
[398] Robert McQueen	Alderman	Sixth Ward
Shivers Parker	Assistant	
Henry Ackerman, Pierson Halstead	Assessors	
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Thomas Parker, Caleb Crane	Constables	
Asa Mann	Alderman	Seventh Ward
William Thorn	Assistant	
Jameson Cox, James M Tuthill	Assessors	
Moses Oakley	Collector	
Robert Philips, Azel Conklin	Constables	
Isaac Emmons	Alderman	Eighth Ward
Francis Cooper	Assistant	
Gilbert Coutant, James N Wells	Assessors	
Samuel Y Clark	Collector	
Cornelius Stagg, David C Hick	Constables	
George B Thorp	Alderman	Ninth Ward
Gerard De Peyster	Assistant	
Thomas Miller, [399] John Adriance	Assessors	
Jeremiah Pangburn	Collector	
Joseph Madden, Stephen Huestis	Constables	

Judah Hammond	Alderman	Tenth Ward
Henry Mead	Assistant	
Gideon Ostrander, Samuel Purdy	Assessors	
John Palmer	Collector	
William F Stephenson, Nehemiah Ludlum	Constables	

Jn° L Broome Clerk of the City & County of New York

A Petition of Jonathan & Isaac Hatfield for permission to construct a vault on third Lot south of Cedar Street in Greenwich Street —was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of Peter Demilt for appointment of Guager—of Solomon D Gibson for some appointment under the Corporation—and of Wright Carpenter for appointment of Street Inspector were severally referred to the Committee on applications

[400] A Petition of John Gillelon complaining of assessment on him for filling up part of Downing Street was referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition of William Orr for further time to comply with an Ordinance directing the filling in a Lot, was read and the time extended to the first of June next

A Petition from John Bingham Esq for relief from an assessment for Personal Tax in 9th Ward having been assessed and paid Personal Tax in the 5th Ward, was referred to the Committee on Assessments with Authority to grant relief

A Petition of Ann Renon for permission to occupy a stand in the City Hall for the sale of Fruit &c, was referred to the Committee on public Offices with authority &c

A Petition of John Davenport Butcher—objecting to the payment of Rent for the stall held by him in Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee

[401] A Petition of William Doyle Master of Sloop Traveller praying remission of Penalty, for not having inspected thirteen Barrels of course middlings, he understanding that coarse Flour of that description was not liable to Inspection, was read and referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the portion of the penalty accruing to the Corporation

A Petition of Simeon Van Beuren for relief from assessment for Personal Tax he not possessing any Personal property, was referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition from John Bartine for appointment of City Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Joseph Dean for Permission to remove a Frame House through the Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistants of 3d & 5th Wards and Street Commissioner

An account of Hugh Maxwell District Attorney for services at the Court of Sessions in March last Balance due $331 5/100 was presented, and Warrant directed to issue for the same.

[402] A Communication was received from Ralph Bulkley stating that he is the Inventer of a machine called the Fire Shield, by means of which persons may with safety approach within a few feet of a Building while on Fire, and offering the same on certain Conditions to the Corporation—was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Memorial from Abel C Clapp and others recommending a place between North Street and Rivington Street as a proper place of Deposit for the street Manure, was referred to the Street Committee

A Further Petition from Dobbs & Furman late Contractors for Street Manure praying some abatement of the sum due on their contract, was referred to the Finance Committee

The Counsel presented the following Leases of Land, heretofore Sold for non payment of Taxes, which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel of the Board, herewith [403] reports for execution the following Leases of Land hertofore sold for the payment of Taxes, to wit

A Lease to James Vincent, of a Lot of Ground on the Eastern Post Road, at Kips Bay in the Ninth Ward, for the term of 40 Years from the 3rd of November 1821, in consideration of his advancing the assessment thereon amounting to $173.63

A Lease to Cornelius R Duffie of a lot of Ground situated at Kips Bay, in the Ninth Ward fronting on Third Avenue, for the term of 80 Years from 6th of March 1819, in consideration of his advancing the assessment thereon amounting to $159.51

And a Lease to Cornelius R. Duffie of a Lot of Ground situated at Kips Bay in the ninth Ward, fronting on Third avenue, for the term of 30 Years from the 6th March 1819. in Consideration of his advancing the assessment thereon amounting to $186.03

Respectfully submitted
Ogden Edwards

The Counsel also presented agreeably to order a Lease to the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York of a Lot of Ground fronting of Chamber Street.

also a Lease to William Mooney of so much of the two Lots of Ground heretofore [404] Leased to him as will remain after Leasing the above mentioned Lots to the Mechanics Society, which were directed to be duly executed. He also presented the Draught of the Leases to be given to the Butchers for the stalls in the several markets in the City, which was referred to the Finance Committee, to adopt the form of said Lease, or of any other that should be by them judged advisable—and it was Resolved that authority be given to the Mayor to cause to be executed in the recess of the Board such leases as should be determined by the Committee to be given for stalls in the several Markets

The Counsel also presented a Lease to Edward Hitchcock for the Public wharves and slips for one Year which was directed to be executed

The Attorney of the Corporation reported that complaints had been made to him against Captains Maxwell. Church. Stinson and Landon, Masters of square rigged vessels for taking their vessels into the Public Slips which was referred to the Committee on [405] Public Offices, with Authority to remit the penalties

The Street Commissioner presented a Deed of Cession from Peter Myer for a part of 130th Street lying between the 8th Avenue " and the Old Kingsbridge Road, which was directed to be accepted

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for Regulating Willett Street from Grand Street to Broome Street and an Assessment for regulating Pitt Street from Grand to Broome Street, also for laying the Crosswalk, and Corner on Chatham Street and Tryon Row, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also recommend[ed] John G Betts to be appointed Collector of Assessment for opening and extending Lispenard Street, which was approved and he was appointed accordingly

He also recommended that a building at Fulton Slip be sold, whereupon, the following Resolution proposed by the Finance Committee was adopted

The Street Commissioner would respectfully recommend that Instruction be given to sell the Building [406] now standing on the Ground intended for the Fulton Market on the Eighth day of May next

Jn° M^cComb Street Commiss^r

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Ordinance which was passed for a Well and Pump in Augustus Street between Pearl and Duane Street and Abraham Bloodgood, John Brown[er] & John Bedient were appointed assessors, For Paving Side walks on north side of Broome Street from the Bowery to allen Street and Abraham Boudoine, Alexander Clark & Jn° Bedient were appointed assessors

Also for repaving Rose Street from the West side of Duane Street to Pearl Street and Abraham Boudoine, John Brower and Alexander Clark were appointed assessors

Also for Building Drains in James, Oak & Batavia Streets, and Abraham Bloodgood John Brower and Alexander Clark were appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinance for the correction of Nuisances which were passed,

[407] The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz

N° 1	William Marshall	Occupant	282	Greenwich St	A Privy
2	P Sherred	do	72	Forsyth "	do
3	W^m^ Barnley	do	111	Division "	do
4	Van Brunt & Doty	do	10	Fulton "	do
5	Woodhue & Smith	do	12	do "	do
6	Geo Pye	do	15	Chamber St	A Lot
7	William Wood	do	111	Division St	A Privy
8	T Barrow	Agent		Vandam St	A Lot
9	L Clarkson	Owner		Spring St	do
10	Alex^r^ L Stewart	do		Broome St	do

Ge° Cuming
City Inspector

The City Inspector also presented an Ordinance for filling in certain sunken Lots on Broome Street, the Property of Alexander L Stewart the expense of which would exceed $100 which was referred to the Street Committee

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board Certified Copies of Laws, passed at the Late Session of the Legislature Viz

Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise Money by a Tax

[408] An Act to amend an Act for the more effectual collection of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New York

An Act providing for the compensation of the District Atterney, of the County of New York, and for the Crier and Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery and General Ses-

sions of the Peace in the City and County of New York and for other purposes,

Whereupon the subject of the last Clause, of the last above mentioned Act which authorizes the Common Council to reduce the Salaries of the assistant Justices to $1500. per Annum in Case they should think proper, was referred to the Finance Committee

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred, the Act respecting Weights and Measures reported*

[409] The Police Committee agreeably to the reference to them Reported " a Law to prevent swine from running at large " which was read by Paragraphs and passed

The Special Committee to whom was referred a consideration of the Law respecting drains and sewers reported the same without amendment, and it was passed under the Title of " a Law relative to Drains and Sewers " and was directed to be published, in the Papers employed by the Board

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting a Sewer in James, Oak & Batavia Streets reported

[410] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from the Street Commissioner recommending that a Small sewer be built in James Street. Oak St and Batavia Streets and also the petition on that subject from a number of the proprietors who request that the size of the drain may not exceed 18 Inches square—Report

that they have personally examined the situation of the Property on those Streets, and are of Opinion that the drains are indispensable; due notice has been given that drains are proposed to be built in those Streets & no objections have been made except to the size proposed by the Street Commissioner

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved that a stone drain be built in James Street from the Bulk head to about midway between Oak, and Banker Street, of 18 Inches square, covered with flagging, with a drain of the same size in Oak and Batavia Streets to communicate with the one in James Street and that the Street Commissioner present an [411] Ordinance forthwith for that purpose

Robert Swartwout

Gerard Depeyster

Isaac Emmons

Shivers Parker

* Space left, but report not entered.—ED.

which report was approved and the resolution adopted—The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreeably therewith which was passed

The Same Committee on the Petition respecting a sewer in Grand Street reported

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of A Hammond and others praying that a Sewer may be built in Grand Street from the intersection of Wooster Street to the sewer about to be constructed in Thompson Street

Respectfully report, that they have examined the subject, and are of the opinion that to render that vicinity healthy it will be necessary, to raise the Ground so high as to convey the water on the surface to the sewer about to be built in Thompson Street, and that the sewer proposed will be unnecessary

Therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

[412] Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners Ought not to be granted

R Swartwout
Isaac Emmons
Gerard De Peyster
Shivers Parker

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for extending Barrow Street reported

The Street Committee to whom the Petition of Sundry persons, praying that Barrow Street may be extended from the Church line to Bedford Street

Respectfully Report, that, they have given the subject due Consideration and are of Opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant the request, inasmuch as Commerce Street has not been ceded. By the extension of Barrow Street into Commerce Street a part of that street will become useless and ought to be closed, and whenever a cession is made of a quit claim given to the present proprietors, the proposed improvement may then with more propriety be taken into Consideration

They therefore submit the following. resolution

[413] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners at present

Robert Swartwout
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition for Repaving Rose Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Thomas Bloodgood and others, praying that the Cartway in Rose Street may be repaved and the side Walks regulated Report, that they have carefully examined the Condition of said Street and are of Opinion that, that part of the Street lying between Duane and Pearl Street, ought to be taken up, and the side Walks extended to the deed width, and that, the repaving of that part lying between Duane and Frankfort Street be postponed to some future time

Therefore present the following resolution

Resolved that the Cartway in Rose Street, between Duane and Pearl Street be repaved, and the sidewalks extended [414] And that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an ordinance to that effect

Robert Swartwout
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

which report was approved, and the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner forthwith presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed

The Same Committee on the petition for Paving Side Walks in Broome Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was Refered the Petition of George Thompson and others, praying that the Side Walks in B[r]oome Street, from the Bowery to Allen Street may be paved,

Respectfully report, that they examined the situation of that part of Broome Street, and are of Opinion that the request of the Petitioners should be granted in part,

To effect which the[y] offer the following Resolution

[415] Resolved, that the Side Walks on the North side of Broome Street from the Bowery to Allen Street be paved, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare and ordinance for that purpose

Robt Swartwout
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

the above report was approved the Resolution adopted and the Street Commissioner presented forthwith an ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed

The same Committee on the petition of Messrs Disbrow & Hitchcock Contractors for Street Manure reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Disbrow praying that a deduction may be made from the sum, which he had stipulated to pay for the Street Manure

Respectfully report, that in their opinion it would be improper to make any deduction or to interfere with the Contract, as the petitioner must have had full knowledge of this business before entering into the agreement.

[416] They therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Robt Swartwout
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

The above report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of John J Astor & John K Beekman respecting the front of the Theatre reported

The Street Committee to whom was refered the Petition of John Jacob Astor & Jno K Beekman, praying for the privilidge of erecting a Colonade in front of the Park Theatre, the columns of which to project as far as the Curb Stone

Report, that they examined the plan, and reflected on the nature of the request, and are decidedly of the opinion that it will be improper to grant it, therefore offer the following Resolution

[417] Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Robert Swartwout
Asa Mann
Isaac Emmons

The above report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolution presented by A[l]derman Mann on the 16th instant respecting the Jury list presented a report which was read and laid for future consideration

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Arrowsmith and others, remonstrating against the Assessment laid on them for turning the course of the water from Bayard to Orange Street reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Edward Arrowsmith and others, inhabitants of the Sixth Ward,

remonstrating against the confirmation of an assessment, made on their Property for turning the former course of [418] the Water from Bayard Street into Orange Street. That as it was done without their request, and is of no benefit to them, the[y] pray that so much of said assessment, as respects them may be set aside

Report, That they have had this case under Consideration, and have heard all the Objections, that could be urged, on the part of the Petitioners, and the principle on which the Assessors laid the assessment, and are of Opinion, that all the Petitioners are more or less benefited, by the alteration complained of. The heaviest assessment has been laid on those most benefited by the operation, and Several having already paid their assessment, the Committee are of Opinion that it ought to be Confirmed, and for that purpose, respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the assessment for repaving part of Bayard Street, and the intersection of Bayard & Orange Street, be Confirmed

Charles Town Chair[n]
Jno P Anthony
Rob. Swartwout
Thomas Bolton

[419] The foregoing report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Hopper reported

The Committee on assessments, to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Hopper, praying to be relieved in part from paying the Tax assessed on his personal property *property* in the Eighth Ward

Report

That they have examined this case carefully, and find that the petitioners property has been assessed through mistake $5000, it ought to have been $500.

The Assessors acknowledge that they were Mistaken in the valuation of the petitioners personal property, and strongly recommend the favourable attention of the Committee to the request contained in the petition

The Committee are of opinion that they prayer of the petitioner is just and ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the Collector of the 8[th] Ward be instructed to receive from [420] Charles Hopper, Personal Tax on $500. for the

year 1820 in lieu of $5000. and that he return the balance in the list of errors and insolvencies of said Ward

Charles Town. Ch^n
Jno P Anthony
Robert Swartwout
Thomas Bolton

which report was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Samuel Woodruff reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Woodruff, in which he states that his personal property in the 3rd Ward has been valued $2000 and he assessed to pay a Tax of Ten Dollars, which he considers grievous and unjust, inasmuch as the whole amount of his personal Property does not exceed $200, on which sum he is willing to pay taxes and prays that it may be reduced to that amount

Report, That on an examination of this case, they are satisfied that the personal property of the petitioner has [421] *has* been valued incorrectly, and in consideration of his having been sick at the time of the assessment being made, and of course unable to attend to having it altered, they are of Opinion that his request ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the 3rd Ward be instructed to receive from Samuel Woodruff, the Tax on $200. of his personal property for the year 1820. in lieu of $2000, and that he return the balance, in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said Ward

Cha^s Town Chairm.
Jn^o P Anthony
Rob^t Swartwout
Thos Bolton

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of William A Hardenbrook reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William A Hardenbrook, praying, that the proceedings commenced against him for the recovery [422] of Rent due the Corporation may be discontinued, Report—That the rent due is on two Lots of Ground in the 9th Ward, Leased the petitioner on the first day of May 1818 and amounts to $130. That the said Land at the time of Leasing it was covered with a thrifty growth of Wood, but the petitioner, as

your Committee are informed, has cut down the Wood, and disposed of it for fuel

That the rent has been unpaid for two years, and in the opinion of your Committee, no further indulgence ought to be allowed, and they therefore propose the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
J Hammond
B Crane
S Tooker

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

[423] The same Committee presented the following Communication

Report of the Finance Committee on Working Convicts

The Finance Committee conceiving it to be their duty, to recommend such retrenchment of the public Expenditures as may appear expedient and proper, and having observed the large disbursements annually made for working the Convicts at the Penitentiary, they have deemed it proper to take that subject under consideration, and report the result of their deliberations to the Board. The expense for tools and extra keepers in working the Convicts, has averaged from Six to Eight Thousand Dollars Annually; and if the additional expense of Clothing, more than would be necessary, were they continued in close Confinement, is taken into the calculation, the expense cannot be estimated at a less sum than Ten Thousand Dollars Annually. The Work performed by these Men for the last Three Years, has been principally on the Avenues, and particularly on the Third. The public utility of working this avenue to a certain [424] extent, is admitted by your Committee, but on the same principle as the paving, and regulating of the Several Streets in the City, particularly the Main or leading Streets, such as the Bowery and Broad Way, are admitted to be a public benefit and Convenience; but why the former should be regulated at the Public expense; while the latter is borne by the inhabitants owning the Lots fronting them, the Committee cannot conceive a good and sufficient reason; for it Cannot be urged that the Avenues are necessary as highways to the City, while all the ancient Roads are not only still open, but are kept in the best repair at the public Expense.

The advantages derived to the Public from the employment of the Convicts, appear therefore, to be much less than the cost incurred;

and it is a question with your Committee, whether as a punishment, the Working of these Men, has the effect expected to be derived from it; for if any conclusion may be drawn from the [425] fact, that a large proportion of the convictions at the Sessions Court, are Old Offenders, it is, that the System is wrong in some of its essential parts. The bad effects of the System, appears to your Committee, to grow out of the present construction of the prison, where of necessity a number of the Prisoners are confined in one apartment, and have free communication with each other during their retirement; by which means the convict who is for the first time brough[t] to a prison, is associated with old offenders, and compelled to listen to the recital of their adventures of hardihood and villany, and instead of reformation, the end and object of the whole Penatentiary system, he looses the remnant of moral sense remaining with him, and goes out after the term of his confinement worse in principle than when he entered the Prison. The only remedy, in the opinion of your Committee is, whenever the City finances will admit to erect an addition to the present building, so constructed as to contain such number of cells, as will be at least sufficient to place into solitary confinement those whose habits are so hardened as to require it.

That your committee might obtain a more practical view of the possibility of [426] working the convicts at a less expense, and greater benefit to the public, they have, together with the Commissioners of the Alms House, personally examined the state of the Third Avenue, and the adjacent lands belonging to the Corporation.

The clearing and grubbing of these lands, and bringing them into a state fit for cultivation, may be effected by the Convicts, in the opinion of your Committee, at a much less expense, and certainly much greater advantage to the public, than the working of the avenues, for which the owners of the property in their vicinity, have refused to contribute any portion of the cost. It appears to be necessary however, to work, in addition to that already completed, about a quarter of a mile of the Third Avenue, in order to for[m] a finish to the road; and the Committee have therefore entrusted the keeper of the Penitentiary, to employ the convicts on said Avenue: only so long however, as may be necessary to make the finish alluded to; and that such of the men as are not required to repair the old Roads, be employed in [427] clearing the Land belonging to the public, some of which, is now unoccupied, and apparently is in the state in which it originally was. This operation, in the opinion of your Committee, will materially increase the value of the public property, and will

bring it into immediate use for cultivation by the paupers of the Alms House establishment; and the money paid to the overseers of the convicts, and for working materials, will by this means, tend to lessen the general expense, instead of enhancing the value of individual property.

The sole object of the Committee, in proposing this arrangement, is, if possible, to lessen the public expenditure, and so to regulate the disbursements, that public and not private utility may be the result, and they hope therefore for the concurrence of the Board, and respectfully propose the following resolution

Resolved, that the foregoing report be accepted and entered on the minutes

Stephen Allen
B Crane
Samuel Tooker

The foregoing report and resolve were [428] accepted and directed to be printed for the use of the members

The following resolution was presented and adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized and requested to Hire the Rooms now occupied by the Assistant Justices Court of the Seventh and Tenth Wards, for the ensuing year, for the use of that Court of the present proprietor Mr Titus or his counsel or agent David S Jones Esquire, at and after the rate of One hundred & twenty five Dollars for a Year and to be paid in quarterly payments, and that the Comptroller be requested to inform Mr Jones of the Contents of this Resolution, as soon as it can be conveniently done.

Resolved that his Honour the Mayor be requested to publish in the papers employed by the Corporation, whenever he shall judge it necessary such laws or parts of laws of the Corporation as he may suppose it property the public should be informed of.

[429] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 16th Inst	154.39	
Recd for Tax 1. 3. 4. 5. 6: 10 Wards	19.718.	
" Streets & Avenues	6419.32	
" Excise	20.	
" Vendue Sales	2500.	
" Rents	2350.19	
" Arrears of Tax	600.	
" Mayoralty Fees	77.25	
" Commutation Alien Passengers	10.	
" Wells & Pumps	77.95	31.927.10

35 Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st Dist	981.75	
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	645.75	
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	414.75	
R Furman Supt Alms House & officers 1 Qr Salary 1st May	537.50	
R Graves Asst Str Comr 1 " " do	337.50	
J Morton Clerk of Com Council 1 " " "	275.	
Richd L Walker Phisician City Prison 6 Mo Salary "	125.	
Saml Hutchings Street Inspector 1 Month Sal "	52.50	
Jonathan Pinkney do 1 do " "	52.50	
Abr Ackerman " " " "	52.50	
William J Waldron asst do " " "	43.75	
Obadiah Ayres " " " " "	43.75	
Austin & Cochran Messengers " "	50.	
Andw McCready Keeper of Park " "	33.75	
[430] P A Jay Costs of Suit Corp. vs Depeyster	70.39	
O Ayres Asst City Inspr remg nuisances 6 mo	21.89	
E Morrill Asst Justice 4. 6 Wards 21 Feb to 1 May	339.19	
H Scovell do 7. 10	339.19	
Jos. L Pell clerk Justices Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 14 feb to May 1	160.11	
Ebr Burling do 4. 6 Wards	160.11	
Wm H Smith do 7. 10.	160.11	
Jno J Vanderpool Room Hire Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr to May 1	20.	
Richard Varick Bond due 1st May	1540.	
H Waterbery work at Mud Machine 12 Dys	85.58	
H Smiths Acct for paving Beach St from Hudson to Chapel	300.	
J Sloan for regulating Bleeker Str from B[r]oadway to Wooster St	217.39	
Haydock & Jenkins 86 Casks Oil	2310.55	
G Snethen Supers & Lights Lamps 1 Mo	647. 7	
D. Briggs repairing Lamp Posts &c 1 Qr	30.76	
David Lyon Hose & Repairs to Engine	765.95	
Jas O Donnell prem for plan Fulton Markt	100.	
J P Roome Sup. Repairs for Repairs	400.	
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	4000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay 35th Divd 6 pr Ct Stock & 3d Dividend 5 pr Ct Stock due 1 May 1821	16000.	31.449.91
	Balance	$477.19

Board adjourned

[431] In Common Council May 14. 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Samuel Tooker	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Leonard Kip	Harms Talman
Jno P Anthony	Benj Crane
Robert Swartwout	Charles Town
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P Brittain
David Board	Isaac Emmons
Geo B Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Street Commissioner presented the following report

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that pursuant to the directions of the Board the Buildings &c that stood on Lispenard Street were sold at auction for the sum of $221.75. and the Money paid into *to* [the] Treasury

[432] Jno McComb
Street Commissioner

Which report was directed to be filed

He also made a report of Property Sold for the non-payment of Assessments on the 17th Instant, agreeably to resolutions the same having been duly advertised

Whereupon, the same was referred to the Counsel, to propose the necessary Certificates of Sale

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Sherriff Street, between Rivington and North Streets, which was passed and Abraham Baudoine John Brown[er] & Benjn Prince were appointed Assessors

He also reported that the Store House and other buildings on the site for the Fulton Market had been sold for $531. and the Money paid into the Treasury, which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller Reported that there had been received on the quarter ending on the 30th of April from Alien Passingers, and paid into [433] the Treasury, the sum of Fifteen. Dollars, Which was ordered to be filed

He also reported that he had received from the Treasurer, an account of Cash received and paid out on Warrants from the first of November to the first Instant, that he had Compared the account with

the Books in his office and found it correct. and that the account of the commissioner of the sinking fund was also correct which report was directed to be filed.

The Committee of Repairs & Comptroller reported that they had examined of the Report of Jacob P Roome, Superintendant of Repairs from 5th of January last to 9th instant and found that he has received from the Corporation	$7501.71
For Sundry Articles Sold by him	8.50
	7510.21
He has paid agreeably to vouchers produced 97 accounts amounting to	7487.91
Balance due the Corporation	$22.30

Geo B Thorp
B Crane
G N Bleecker Comptroller

The Finance Committee to whom was [434] referred, the consideration of an act passed by the Legislature, on the 16th of March last, authorizing the Common Council to reduce the Salaries of the Assistant Justices of this City reported

The Finance Committee to whom was refered the consideration of an Act passed by the Legislature of this State on the 16th of March 1821. Authorising the Common Council to reduce the Salaries of the Assistant Justices of this City, beg leave to Report the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Annual Salary of the assistant Justices be reduced from Seventeen Hundred & fifty Dollars to Sixteen Hundred Dollars each

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Allen
Samˡ Tooker
B Crane

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Messrs Dobbs & Furman Reported

[435] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a communication from Waters Furman, and Charles Dobbs, Late Contractors for Street Manure, Report That *thave* [they] have had an interview with Mr Dobbs, who states that the contract was an unprofitable one, by which they lost several Hundred dollars.

That they spared neither pains nor expense in cleaning the Street, and complying with their contract; and that in their opinion, some deduction ought to be made from the amount of payment.

The Committee have considered the subject, and are of opinion, that the precedent of granting relief in Cases of Contract, ought never to be established by the Corporation; in as much as the Public Business is all done by estimate, and the offers for contract always made with a perfect knowledge of what is required to be done; and that the contracts entered into annually, being of Large amount, and very numerous, should the principle be once established, that on proof of loss, relief will be granted, there would be an end to all calculation on the public receips, or disbursements The Committee are therefore of opinion [436] that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and they offer the following resolution accordingly

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the petitioners

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
B Crane
J Hammond

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same committee presented the following report

The Finance Committee beg leave to state, that in their annual report to the Board, they brought before them, a statement of the arrears of Taxes due the State for the Years 1815-16 & 17, and commented particularly on a charge made by the late Comptroller of $7030.09 for Interest, on said arrears, and they at the same time recommended that [437] A petition, accompanied with a bill, should be presented to the Legislature, for an act authorising a remission of said Interest.

A Petition, accompanied with a bill, was accordingly laid before that Hon[l] Body, but as the Committee are informed, was not acted on. The arrears of Tax alluded to was paid on the 25[th] of January last, amounting to $22.362.95, but as the committee believed the charge for Interest unauth[or]ised, and as the Board had determined to petition for its remission, that amount was accordingly withheld. The Comptroller was informed however, through the Chamberlain, that the amount paid was the whole balance of arrears, and at the same time he was reminded of the reasons which induced the Corporation

to decline the payment of the charge for Interest, and that they would petition the Legislature for a remission.

The present Comptroller, Mr Savage, has recently transmitted to the City Chamberlain, an account of arrears of Taxes for 1820, and again brought forward the old charge of $7030.09, as one of the items of his account for arrears, on which he informs the chamberlain, interest will be charged from May 1820.

[438] The Committee are of opinion, that in equity, this charge for interest ought not to be made against the Corporation, neither can it be legally sustained, not being authorised by the statue; and in this opinion of the Committee, the Counsel of the Board has concurred, who was requested to examine the subject, and inform them the result of such examination. The Committee are therefore of opinion, that the Corporation ought to resist the payment of this charge brought against them by the State, and they propose the following resolution accordingly

Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to inform the Comptroller of this State, that as there is no Law authorising the charge of Interest on arrears of Tax, the Corporation do not acknowledge, neither will they pay any such charge, except by due course of Law

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
Saml Tooker
B Crane
J. Hammond

[439] the foregoing was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Peter N Utt reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred an account rendered by Peter N Utt, for fixtures and repairs to the Room over the Washington Market Report

That the Room alluded to, was rented to Mr Utt, at the annual rent of $170.00 without any authority *authority* to make any of the said fixtures, and repairs on account of the Corporation. That he is in arrears for rent in the sum of $184.23, and proposes that the annexed bill of $216.45 may be credited him, as payment of said arrears, The Committee have examined the subject, and are of opinion that the fixtures, alluded to are necessary for the accommodation of the Tenant, and therefore, that Mr Utt, ought to be allowed a fair compensation for the same, and they have accordingly instructed the Superintendant of repairs, to make a true valuation [440] of the prop-

erty, the report of which amounts to $125. The Committee therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller be instructed to Credit the account of Peter N Utt, with the sum of One Hundred and twenty five dollars

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
Sam[l] Tooker
B Crane
J Hammond

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Gilbert Coutant and others, Heirs of Isaac Varian deceased reported

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Coutant and others, heirs at Law of Isaac Varian deceased, praying to be allowed to commute the rent of a certain piece of Land in the Ninth Ward Report

That the Land alluded to is situated on Broad Way, near the junction of [441] that street with the Bowery—That the piece contains about Ten Acres, and was granted to Sir Peter Warren in the year 1745. free from rent for the first seven years, and at the annual sum of Ten Dollars forever thereafter—The Committee are averse to recommending Commutation ge[ne]rally of the Corporation rents; but as the sum reserved in this instance is of small amount, and as they have asscertained that the petitioners are willing to commute, at an Interest Corresponding with the present low value of Money, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to commute with the petitioners for the rent on the Land alluded to, on their paying a sum the Interest of which, at four per cent per annum, will amount to the rent reserved

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
B Crane
Sam[l] Tooker
J Hammond

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[442] The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Lozee Van Nostrand, Reported

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the memorial of Losee Van Nostrand (in behalf of Hunt & Van Nostrand formerly Lessees of the Fly Market Ferry)

Report. That from an examination of sundry papers, and a diligent investigation of all the circumstances, of this business, which has remained in the hands of former Ferry Committees a long time past; a balance remains on the Books of the Corporation against Hunt & Van Nostrand for Ferry Rent, of Eighteen Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars ninety Cents,

In the year 1814 the Ferry Committee appointed Robert Brown, and Hunt & Van Nostrand chose Salem Wines, referees to estimate the value of Six Horse Boats, and Six Barges, with Sails, Oars and boat hooks, which were to be returned to the Corporation, agreeably to the conditions of a Lease made the 4th March 1811. The above referees appointed as umpire Walter Mitchell, who with Mr Brown estimated the value of said Boats and Barges &c at [443] Eight Hundred and forty Dollars.

The Committee think that Hunt & Van Nostrand should be credited with that amount, and also for damages during the time the Steam Boat Company were preparing the wharves for their Boat.

They have accordingly agreed to the sum of Five Hundred dollars for that purpose.

The result will be as follows

Balance due by Hunt & Van Nostrand for ferry rent		$1827.90
Estimate of Boats &c	840	
Allowance for damage	500	1340.
Balance due the Corporation		$487.90

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller adjust the Account of Hunt & Van Nostrand, agreeably to the above statement, and demand of them a settlement of the Balance aforesaid

Respectfully Submitted

Thos S Townsend
Asa Mann
Jno P Anthony

which was approved & the Resolution adopted

[444] Alderman Townsend presented the following Resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to obtain of the New

York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company the sum of Eigh[t] Hundred and forty dollars, being the amount due to the Corporation, according to the appraisal for 6 Horse Boats and 6 Barges, Oars, Sails, and Boat Hooks, received by them from the Corporation on the 1st May 1814, the time they took possession of said Ferry

The Market Committee, on the petition of Samuel S Cornell and William P Munson reported

The Market Committee having had the petition of Samuel S Cornell and William P Munson duly under consideration in which petition, they pray to be licensed for Stall N° 52 Fly Market, and whereas said petitioners have paid the advance on said stall agreeably to an Order from the Corporation to their Collector and having his Certificate for the same

There-fore your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

[445] Resolved that Wm P. Munson and Samuel S Cornell be licenced for stall no 52 Fly Market

Harms Tallman
Saml Tooker
Chas Town
Leonard Kip

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The same committee on the Petition of George Pessinger reported

The Market Committee to whom the petition of George Pessinger was referred praying for stall N° 52 Fly Market, and whereas stall N° 52 having already been disposed of, and he having renewed his application for Stall N° 34 and paid the advance on said Stall to the Collector and having his certificate for the same, your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that George Pessinger receive licence for Stall N° 34 Fly Market

Hams Tallman
Saml Tooker
Chas Town
Leonard Kip

[446] which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee presented the following Report on the subject of Leasing the Stalls in the several Markets in this City, which, was approved, and the Resolutions therein proposed adopted

The Market Committee beg leave to Report, That pursuant to a Resolution of the Common Council authorising them to Rent at Public Auction, or otherwise, the Butchers Stalls in the Several Markets in this City, for one or more Years, they have acted on the subject, and they hope conformably to the wishes and expectations of the Board

Presuming that the New Market will be compleated the ensuing Season, and that several of the Butchers occupying Stalls in the Present Markets calculate on obtaining stands in the One to be built, the Committee have deemed it expedient to rent the Stalls in the Fly Market for only Six Months, and in the other Markets for One Year. The plan of renting the Butchers Stalls, in lieu [447] of receiving the fees as formerly, being an experiment, the policy of which has been doubted by some, and the committee feeling a disposition to accomodate the change as nearly to the views of those concerned as practicable, it was thought proper, after due consideration, to fix a rent on the several stalls, graduated according to their situation and Local advantages, and to give the preference to the Occupant of each stall in the first instance, and on their neglecting to pay the quarters rent in advance, to Let to such applicants, being regular Butchers, as the Committee should approve. This plan has succeeded to the utmost expectation of your Committee, as the statement hereunto annexed, furnished by Mr Smith the collector of the Corporation Revenue, will shew. By this statement it will appear, that the stalls in the Ten Markets except 18. have all been taken at the rent fixed by the Committee, and that the amount received for the first Quarters Rent is $2351. of the stalls not rented 8 are in the Fly Market, one in the Washington Market, two in the Spring Street, One in the Essex 5 in the Grand Street [448] and one in the Duane Street Markets, and are generally so situated, as to be considered unfavourable places for business. The Labour and attention necessary to bring this plan into a due course of opperation has been considerable, and the Committee deem it but justice to state, the *the* facility with which it has been carried into effect, is owing, in a great measure, to the judicious arrangements of Mr Smith the collector of the Corporation revenue, who was instructed to receive the Quarters rent in advance, and to dispose of the vacant stands, subject to the decision of your Committee.

The additional labour which will [be] brought upon the Collector by this new arrangement in the receipts of the revenue from the Markets, requires, in the opinion of your Committee, that some addition should be made to his Compensation; and as some of the

clerks of the Markets receive a percentage and others a daily compensation, and as a percentage on the fees hereafter to be collected will not be an adequate compensation [449] to those who received it the Committee are of opinion that the compensation of all the clerks ought to be per day, and they offer the following Resolution accordingly

Resolved that the Clerks of the several markets be allowed One Dollar for every day they shall attend, and perform the duties required of them, by the Law to regulate the public Markets

Resolved, that One Hundred Dollars be added to the Salary of William S Smith Collector of the Corporation Revenue

Respectfully submitted

Harm^{s} Tallman
Sam^{l} Tooker
Cha^{s} Town

Statement of Market Committee

Total Number of Stalls	Names of Markets	Total An. Rent	Number Rented	Amt Rec^{d} for 1 qr. on Stalls rented	Number of Stalls not let	Amt of Qr on stalls not rented	Location of Stalls not Let No.
56	Fly Market	$2434	48	544.	8	64.50	15. 16. 17. 19. 21. 22. 23. 28
47	Catharine "	3110	47	777.50			
55	Washington "	3010	54	733.25	1	19.25	35
14	Centre "	485	14	121.25			
12	Spring Street "	430	10	97.50	2	10.	7. 9
8	Essex "	180	7	40.	1	5.	6
8	Grand St "	160	3	18.75	5	21.25	4. 5. 6. 7. 8
2	Duane St "	50	1	6.25	1	6.25	2
2	Governeur "	20	2	5.			
2	Greenwich "	30	2	7.50			

[450] The Total number of Stalls in the Ten Markets are 206. The Total annual rent is $.9909. The number of stalls rented are 188. the amount of the Quarters rent received on Stalls is $2351. for those rented, The number of stalls not rented is 18. the amount of rent for one quarter on stalls not rented is estimated at $126.25.

Amount of the advance quarter on 188 stalls rented is..... $2351.
do on 18 stalls not rented..... 126.25

Total amount of 1st Quarter..... $2477.25

The City Inspector presented the following ordinance, for the Correction of Sundry nuisances, which was passed, The expense of the one to Mr Rhinelander he reported would exceed $100, but it being one that required immediate attention and correction it was also passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No	1	T Dragon	Occupant	15	Market St	A Privy
	2	A Surre	do	103	Orange	do
	3	E Hagan	do	247	Cherry	do
	4	B Mapes	do	301	do	do
	5	[451] Jas McConnell	do	7	Jews Alley	do
	6	Coll Gardner	Agent	29	Oliver St	do
	7	Jno Taylor	Occupant		Grand & Chrystie	do
	8	Jno Clark	do	130	Banker	do
	9	R C Folger	do	98	Lombardy	do
	10	United States	do	19	South	do
	11	Wm Harrison	Lessee	31	Front	do
	12	C Ryder	Occupant	18	Bayard	do
	13	A W Jones	do	20	do	do
	14	M Bernard	do	37	Banker	do
	15	J Burk	do	104	Cherry	do
	16	S Lefferts	do	106	Mott	A Lot
	17	Martin & Hampton	do	86	Fulton	do
	18	J Concklin	do	88	do	do
	19	C Radcliff	do	90	do	do
	20	J Haley	do	92	do	do
	21	P Rhinelander	Owner		Washington St	do
	22	C Harriot	Lessee	195	Mulberry	do
	23	W Johnson Jr	Agent		Elm St	do
	24	S N Bayard	Owner		Grand St	do
	25	G C Tunison	Occupant	27	Anthony	A Privy

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

The following Persons were appointed Fire Warden & Firemen the Chief engineer certifying the Vacancies

[452] Fire Warden 2nd Ward

Eleutheros D Comstock Grocer 40 Ann St 2d Ward Vice Samuel Gilford Jr resigned

Fire Engine Company No 8

James Young Cooper 43 Elizabeth St 6th Ward Vice James Heath left the City

George E Grenzebach Grocer, corner Chatham & frankfort, 4th Ward Vice Abraham Tyson time expired

N° 12

John H Clinch Brush Maker No 9 Rynders St 6th Ward Vice Stephen VanWyck served his time out

Robert Smith Brush Maker 1 Hague St 4th Ward Vice Abiel Smith served his time out

N° 9

William Gale Silversmith 29 Liberty St Vice Saml C Wessells, time of Service Expired

N° 26

Robert Malloy Jr. House Carpenter 165 Banker St 7th Ward Vice Jno Morrison resigned

Charles Dykes Brass Founder 246 Orange St 10th Ward Jas F Palmer resigned

N° 39

Jno R S Hugget Accountant No 65 Nassau St 2nd Ward vice Edward P Dunn resigned

Samuel J Raymond Accountant N° 227 Duane St 5th Ward Vice William Leary Resigned

Frederick A Guion Accountant N° 32 Reed St 6th Ward. [453] Vice James Wood resigned

The following statement of the Stock of $200.000 Auth[or]ised by the Act of the Legislature at the Last Session to be created was presented by his Honor the Mayor

		75 pr Cent	Premium	Amt Paid
Globe Insurance Company.....	$100000	75.000	2325.	77.325.
J Lambert	15000	11250	348.75	11598.75
Robert Lenox	10000	7500	232.50	7732.50
Thos S Townsend.....	4000	3000	93.	3093.
Prime Ward & Sands.....	46000	34500	1069.50	35569.50
Jno Rogers	10000	7500	262.50	7762.50
Commissioners Sinking Fund...	15000	11250	348.75	11598.75
Subscrip	$200.000.	$150.000.	$4680.	$154.680.

An Account of Captn Leake of the 1st Dist City Watch for *for* additional Watchmen amounting to 1.5\%_{100}$, was presented and a warrant directed to issue for payment

A Petition was received from Benjamin Disbrow Contractor for the Street Manure of the Eastern District praying that the contract may be assigned to Charles Dobbs upon his assuming the payment of 650$ to the Corporation leaving a Balance to be paid by Petitioner of $750. on [454] his Contract. A Memorial was also received from

the said Charles Dobbs offering to take upon himself the said contract, upon the terms above stated, and offering as his sureties, for the performance of the Same Samuel Purdy and George Thomson.

Whereupon it was resolved that the requests of the said petitioners be aceeded to and that the counsel prepare the necessary papers

A Petition from Benjamin Disbrow for remission of fines incurred under said Law was laid on the Table

Resolved that after the adjournment of the Board, the Members will visit the Alms-House. Penitentiary and other establishments at Bellvieu

This being the day prescribed by Law for the newly elected Officers to be sworn into office, they severally attended agreeably to the return made to the Board on the 30th of April by the Clerk of the City and County of New York [455] and the Oaths prescribed by the Charter and Laws were administered by the Honerable Stephen Allen Mayor of the City

The newly elected members then took their seats, the Board was formed as follows and the following business was transacted

The Hon^{l} Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Maltby Gelston	Wm H Ireland
Jno P Anthony	Benjn Crane
Robt McQueen	Charles Town.
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons.	Wm Thorn
Geo B Thorp	Francis Cooper
Judah Hammond	Gerard De Peyster
	Henry Mead

The following Rules and orders for the Government of the Common Council in Transacting business were adopted

1. Upon the appearance of Five Alderman and Five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the Chair as President, and the Members be called to order.

2 [456] Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the clerk, to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3 The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4 The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote, and no more.

5 Every Member previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the President.

6 When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

7 No Member shall speak more than twice, to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member, choosing to speak shall have spoken.

8. [457] No Question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is Seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing if any member desire it

9 After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in the Possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless

1. To Amend it
2. To Commit it
3. To Postpone it
4. For the previous question, or,
5. To adjourn

11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form [458] " Shall the Main question now be put? "

13. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote

14 A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put

16. Upon a division in the Board the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if any two members require it.

17. In all divisions taken by the Board [459] it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the Minutes the name of the Member calling for the division

18 No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance to notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board. and a majority of the whole number of voters shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

20. No member shall absent himself without permission from the President

21 All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a state of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee.

22. [460] When the doors are directed to be closed, all persons, excepting the members, and the Clerk of the Common Council, shall retire.

23. A motion for the order of the day shall take precedence of all other motions, and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions, and original Communications

24 The Standing Committees shall be as follows

1 Applications
2 Assessments
3 Arts and Sciences
4 Canals
5 Charity
6 Ferries
7 Finance
8 Fire Department
9 Lamps
10 Laws
11 Markets
12 Police
13 Public Lands and Places
14 [461] Public Offices
15 Repairs
16 Roads
17 Streets
18 Watch
19 Wharves, Piers and Slips

Those on Applications, Arts and Sciences, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs and Charity, shall consist of three, and the others of five

By Order of the Common Council
Jacob Morton Clerk

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees for the present Year

1st Applications
Aldn Bingham
Ald Gelston
Mr Depeyster

2nd Assessments
Mr Town
Mr Thorn
Ald Anthony
Ald Bingham

3rd Arts and Sciences
Ald McQueen
Ald Wyckoff
Mr Mead

4th Canals
Ald Thorp
Ald Emmons
Mr Ireland
Mr De Peyster
Mr Cooper

[462] 5. Charity
Mr Parker
Mr Bolton
Mr Ireland

6 Ferries
Ald Townsend
Ald Mann
Ald Anthony

7 Finance
Ald Hammond
Ald Wyckoff
Mr Crane
Mr Cooper
Mr Town

8 Fire Department
Ald Anthony
Ald McQueen
Mr Ireland

9 Lamps
Mr Ireland
Mr Crane
Ald Anthony

10 Laws
His Hon. R Riker, Recorder
Ald Hammond
Mr Bolton

11 Markets
Ald Wyckoff
Ald Gelston
Ald Townsend
Ald Emmons
Mr Town

12 Police
Mr Bolton
Mr Mead
Mr Parker
Ald Thorp
Ald Gelston

13 Public Lands & Places
Mr Valentine
Mr Parker
Mr Depeyster
Ald Emmons
Ald McQueen

[463] 14 Public Offices
Mr Crane
Mr Thorn
Mr Valentine
Mr Mead
Mr Cooper

15 Repairs
Mr Thorn
Mr Crane
Ald Thorp

16 Roads
Mr Depeyster
Mr Valentine
Mr Parker
Ald Hammond
Ald Townsend

17 Streets
Mr Cooper
Mr Ireland
Ald Wyckoff
Ald Mann
Ald Thorp

18 Watch
Ald Mann
Ald Bingham
Mr Valentine
Mr Cooper
Mr Town

19 Wharves Piers & Slips
Ald Emmons
Ald Hammond
Ald Mann
Ald Townsend
Ald Gelston

[464] A Letter from Mr John Hunter Agent of the Commissioners of the Alms House was received stating that four Indians stating themselves of the Cherokee Tribe had applied to him for some pecuniary relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Charity, with authority to grant such aid as they should judge necessary

A Letter from the Revd John Stanford tc the Mayor was presented, stating that he was about making a visit to Philadelphia with a view of gaining information on the subject of the management of the Penitentiary and Charitable Institutions and suggesting a wish, that a letter of introduction to the Mayor of Philadelphia might be given to him. His Honor the Mayor stated, as Mr Stanford was immediately setting out for Philadelphia he had given the letter required, which was approved

A Petition, that Water Street between Catharine Street and Market Street may be widened was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[465] A Petition that a Bell may be placed on Centre Market, to give alarm in cases of Fire, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of J D Riviere for Stall No 31 Fly Market

of Joseph Smith for stall No 5 same Market & of James Werden for stall No 32 same Market were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Pierson for permission to construct a vault in front of No 5 Wall Street was referred to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of the Justices of the Marine Court stating, that they are incommoded in the transaction of their business by persons assembling about the windows of their Court, which, inconvenience they think can be remedied by placing an Iron railing around the Windows, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Stephen Gould, requesting he may have the privilege of furnishing to [466] the Corporation, the Copies Laws of the State, which may be required for the Members, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Disbrow for remission of fines and Penalties incurred as contractor for Street Manure, by not removing the dirt from the Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Edward Fitzgerald to be licensed as a Butcher for stall N° 32 Fly Market, he having received a permit from the Market Committee to occupy said stall & having paid the Collector of the City Revenue One Quarters rent advance on said stall was read and Resolved that he receive license as a Butcher

An Account of Messrs Dobbs & Furman amounting to $31.^{75}/_{100}$ for removing snow from several Markets was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from James Dobbin and [467] Joseph Trulock Executors of John Vickery Deceased, stating that they were in January last ordered to empty Six sinks which for want of funds was not immediately complied with, but has since been done and that they have received from the Attorney notice that costs amounting to $6 for each sink is due, and praying as the property belongs to Orphans, that they may be relieved from said costs, whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition from H L Seixas & Co Auctioneers praying to be permitted, to sell goods at Auction in front of their store No 73 Water Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition was received from the Collectors of Taxes of the Several Wards stating that on account of the stagnation of business, they had not been able to collect with that facility, they formerly experienced, and praying that the time for settling their Books, may be extended from the 21st May to the 21st June or 1st of July [468] was read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from Townsend Cock to be appointed City Inspector of Weights and Measures, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Representation was received from Morris DeCamp, Collector of Assessments, stating that assessments laid on Lots owned by different proprietors, that he understands a Law was passed at the late session of the Legislature authorising an apportionment of the assessment amoung the several proprietors and praying direction in the Prem-

ises, was referred to the Committee on Assessments with powers &c

A petition was received from John Gillelan representing, that a mistake had been made in an assessment for opening Rinder & 3 Street on a Lot owned by him on Carmine near Patrick Street, which he requested might be corrected. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[469] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Nassau Street stating that *be* [by] the present Law, as said Street is only 36 feet in width they are not allowed to erect awning posts, but as their walks are ample, and the Street is exposed to the direct rays of the Sun they pray the Privilege may be extended to them, which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel G Clark Collector of the 8th Ward was received, stating that having been recently elected and from the peculiar circumstances of the Ward, There having been three elections for Collector in the Ward, the Collector of the Taxes has not been as successful as usual and praying that the time for his settling his Books with the Corporation may be extended. Was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Elizabeth Roff for relief from a Personal Tax assessed on her, was referred to the Committee of Assessments.

A Petition that the side Walks in Allen Street from Grand to North Streets might be Paved [470] Was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Eve Lake was received stating that having received a notice for paving the side walk in front of her house in Varick Street (paving stones only excepted) she caused the same to be paved with building stones. that she has lately received an order to take up said stones, and repave it with Brick, and praying to be relieved from said order, was referred to the Street Committee, with authority to act on the premises

Upon Motion of Alderman Mann Alderman Thorp, was placed on the Committee for erecting a Market in Fulton St in place of Alderman Tooker, no longer a member of the Board.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council, furnish to the newly elected members, the Charter of the City the Ordinances of the Corporation, a Sett of the Laws of the State and Longworths Map of the City.

Also ordered that the Superintendant [471] of Repairs furnish to them the Staves of Office

The Committee on Assessments, on the Petition of Simon Van Beuren reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Simon Van Beuren, representing that he had been assessed in the 8th Ward for Tax on $1000 Personal Property, that he has no personal property, but, on the Contrary is in debt $800. and prays that the Tax may be remitted

Report, that on an examination of this case they are fully satisfied, of the Correctness of the Statement made by the petitioner, in addition to which they have the Testimony of the Assessors of the Ward, Your Committee are of Opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 8th Ward be instructed to decline Collecting the Tax assessed on the personal property of Simon Van Beuren for the year 1820 and that he return the same, in the list of errors and insolvencies of said Ward

Charles Town Chn
Thomas Bolton
Robt Swartwout
Thos S Townsend

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[472] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 30 April		477.19
Received 75 per Cent on City Loan of 1821		154.680.
		155.157.19

40 Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leek. Watch 1st Dist		981.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "		645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do		414.75
J J Astor rent for G[r]ound in Spring St 6 Mo		15.
Wm Hoghland Keeper Penitentiary & 3 assts 1 Qr		500.
G Sickels Keeper of City Prison & 2 assts 1 "		400.
Jno Fleming Treasurer 1 "		100.
Jno Burger regulating 4 Public Clocks 1 "		50.
Danl H Magee Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo		37.50
Charles Gillman do of Battery 1 "		33.75
Jos Leonard furnishing lists of Passengers 6 "		50.
Geo L Birch & Co Printing 1 Qr		167.50
J Sidell to pay Officers attending election in apl		256.
N Phillips advertising Lots for Arrears Taxes		200.
Jas Bleecker selling at Auction do do		80.
Harms Tallman Coroner fees 22 Feb to May 1		257.37
M M Noah Sherriff for officers attending in Court 1 Quarter		1211.

H Maxwell Dist Attorney in full fees due at Sessions Court 15 March					331.50
S Montgomery & others serving Sepœnas					127.25
L Richardson Ground rent for Engine No 30					15.
J Smith Jr repairs for engines					21.
[473] R Provoost repairing Lamps					80.44
J Mullanphy 1 Qr Rent wharf Courtlandt St					75.
Lewis Moore	Award for Fulton Market Ground				34137.59
Jno Rogers. Geo P Rogers & W Rhinelander	do		do		29448.29
Mary Wilkes	balance		do	do	10929.77
Peter R Livingston	do		do		22679.38
Silvanus Miller	do		do		14488.38
James Jackson	do		do		14317.80
Epenetus Smith	do		do		7736.82
Melancthon Townsend & W Rogers.			do		6320.24
Patrick Downey	Award for Harman St				752.
Job Furman	do	do			6.
C Mooney	Acct Side Walks Canal St				200.
J Hammond	Asst Justice	1. 2. 3	Wards		350.
M Cunningham	do	5. 8	"		267.35
Geo Betts	Clerk Justices Court	5. 8	"		160.11
A Youngs	room for Court	4. 6	"	1 qr	37.50
J Russell	do do	5. 8	"	"	18.75
Mary McClouchen	do do	7. 10	"	"	31.25
					147931.79
				Balance	$7.225.40

Board adjourned to this day fortnight

VOLUME FORTY-THREE

OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

May 28, 1821 to October 1, 1821

[1] In Common Council May 28 1821

Present The Hon^{l} Stephen Allen. Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Maltby Gelston	Wm H Ireland
Jno P Anthony	Benj Crane
Jno Bingham	Chas Town
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	William Thorn
Isaac Emmons	Francis Cooper
Geo B Thorp	Garard Depeyster
Judah Hammond	Henry Mead

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Report from the Keeper of the Bridewell, of the Prisoners confined therein, was presented and laid on the Table. Alderman Thorp Moved that the resolution directing the Keeper to made said Report be resinded, after some discussion, the further consideration was [2] postponed—till the next meeting.

A Petition of Hannah Johnson for further time for payment of assessment laid on her propery for opening Lispenard Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner

A Petition from J & Isaac Hatfield for permission to construct a vault at 39 Dey St and from Mrs Cutting in Broadway next to the Corner of Franklin Street were referred to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms.

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners and Lessees of Lots on Dominick Street between Clark and Varick Streets, against the further regulating and paving, that part of the Street at present, was referred to the Street Committee

Petitions from John Insley. Isaac Segoine Henry N Ogden, Daniel Carman & John Dela Montagne for the appointment of Street Inspector of John Requa, and John Van Wart for some employment under the Board.

[3] And of J G Farrington for the appointment of weigher of Hay at Harlaem, were read and severally referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Hudson Street, was read, stating that from the extension of said Street into chamber street, and also Northwardly, the former numbers on the Houses are now incorrect, and praying that the Houses and Lots, may be numbered anew, was referred to the Street Committee with authority to direct the same to be done.

A Petition of John Quin to be permitted to remove a small stable through the streets from Banker to Pike Street, was granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition for a well to be sunk near the Intersection of Harman and Rutgers Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of that Ward, with authority to report an ordinance therefor

A Representation, that the Court Room of the Justices of the 7th & 10th Wards wanted some repairs was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of [4] those Wards, with authority to direct the necessary repairs to be made

A Petition of Junia Curtis of the City of Albany was received, stating that he has been for several years past exploring various parts of the Country in search of Pit Coal that he is satisfied that quantities of that article may be found adjacent to the waters of the Hudson River, and he proposes, that the Common Council should as an inducement for searching for that article, offer a Bounty for its Discovery. which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of William Civill for the hiring of the Cellar under the Duane Street Market, lately occupied by Mr M Codington, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Rivington Street, that the side walks of that street may be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

[5] A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of Forsyth Street, praying, that the side walks in that street may be paved, and a remonstrance against the same, from a number of Inhabitants, were read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Isaac Russell lessee of the Corporation, for a Lot corner of Beach and Chapel Streets, praying to be relieved from an assessment, laid on said Lot for regulating and paving Walker Street, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from Eliza Cumming praying that a fine imposed on her husband Patrick Cumming for breaking a stoop for which he is now imprisoned, may be remitted, was referred to the Committee on Charity, with authority to remit said fine.

A Petition of James Farquhar praying relief from a mistake as he supposes of the Tax of the last Year assessed on him, Was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[6] A Petition that Canal Street and Lispenard St from Broad Way to Church Street be regulated and paved, and that the name of Canal Street, be changed to Columbia Place, was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from John G Coster Administr to the Estate of Henry A Coster deceased, and of Duncan P Campbell administrator to the Estate of Thomas C Pearsall deceased, against the filling in the Basin between Catharine and Market Slips, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips,

A Petition from sundry Butchers of Catharine Market was received, stating that they are in great want of a Public scale at said Market, and praying that the stand occupied by Amos Wood be vacated, and the place appropriated to that purpose, was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from Henry H Gillet to be employed at the Public Yards, in the constructing and repairing of Fire Engines, and [7] a Petition of a similar nature from Jacob Smith Jr. was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Charles Mooney for payment of Balance due him on contract for paving Sullivan Street, for paving the Walks of Canal Street & for paving St Johns Lane, were referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Gould & Banks to be permitted to furnish the Corporation with the Laws of the State and such other Laws as they may require and offering the same, at one third discount from the Regular Prices, was directed to be attached to the Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Stephen Gould

A Petition was received from Philip Hone, John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens, stating that they had made an agreement for the Transfer and purchase of the right of Ferriage heretofore granted by the Corporation to Philip Hone conditionally, that the same is approved by the Corporation and praying a reference of the same to a committee, was Read and referred to the Ferry Committee

[8] A Petition of D H Wickham in behalf of the Trustees of Spring Street Church, praying for the considerations therein mentioned that they may be relieved from the payment of an assessment, laid on the 4 Lots occupied by said church, for opening Canal Street. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Poole for further time for payment of an Assessment on his property in Chapel Street, for erecting a sewer therein was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the request of Petitioner

A Petition of Richard Riker. praying to be relieved from payment of Personal Tax assessed on him in the 9th Ward, He having been assessed and having paid personal Tax in the 2nd Ward, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Complaint of John Ball, one of the City Watch of having been, without sufficient cause removed from his office of a Watchman, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of James Johnson for grant of Stall N° 15 Washington Market lately held [9] by Jacob Flager deceased. was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of R Donky for license as a Butcher. and that Stall N° 28 Fly Market may be granted to him. and

A Petition from Edward Merritt for license as a Butcher, and that Stall N° 23 Fly Market may be granted to him were read, and referred to the Market Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

A Representation was received from Josiah Hedden Esquire one of the Justices of the Police, of the Case of William F Pratt, who had become bound in a recognizance for one Jeremiah Totten on a Complaint of assault and Battery by Daniel Lane and which had become forfeited, and recommending said Pratt for relief, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Washington and Christopher Streets. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and the Street Commissioner, to report an ordinance therefor.

[10] A Petition of Aaron Van Vorhis praying relief from an undue Assessment: for a Personal Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition that Gold Street between Frankfort Street and Ferry Street may be Repaved was referred to the Street Committee.

The Following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Minot Ripley Cabinet Maker 70 Orange Street 6th Ward Vice Ferris Finch resigned

N° 5

George Thompson Tailor N° 8 Catharine St 4th Ward Vice Charles Stuart Resigned

John W Hyatt Silversmith 27 Ann St 2d Ward Vice John Matthews Resigned

N° 6

Solomon Smith Copper Smith 7 Gold St 2d Ward Vice Samuel Wright Resigned

Edward Marriner Carpenter 53 Leonard St 5th Ward Vice John Stimets time expired

N° 25

John Roberts Leather Dresser 21 Oliver St 4th Ward Vice John Butler resigned

[11] N° 8

George Went Accountant 83 Chatham St 4th Ward Vice James Stewart Resigned.

Otis Harrington Dry Good Merchant Chatham St 4th Ward Vice George Darby left the City

John Hazlett Tinman corner Chamber & Chatham St 6th Ward Vice Benjn Ogden Resigned.

N° 11

John Drake Accountant 8 Stone St 1st Ward Vice Cornˢ Fountain Resigned

N° 13.

George Furguson Accountant Vesey near Greenwich 3d Ward Vice Charles C Williams time expired.

Robert Forsyth Carpenter Frankfort corner Rose St 4th Ward Vice Peter R Rogers left the City

Rowland H Timpson Accountant 97 Beekman St 2d Ward Vice Wm Stoutenburgh Resigned

N° 31

Isaac Brown Carpenter Varick corner Dominick St 8 Ward Vice Peter J Berry Resigned

N° 32

John Romaine Shoemaker 120 Bowery 8 Ward Vice Ludwik Harpell time expired

N° 34

William C Hough Milk Man Christopher St 8th Ward Vice Henry Felter Resigned

[12] N° 36

Jacob Barger, Cartman 84 Varick St 8th Ward Vice Aaron Saffin Expelled

N° 41

McKinzey Defries Cordwainer Arundel near Broome St 10th Ward Vice Jas W Lathrop Expelled, left the City

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents, on the following assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to N Jarvis Collector to collect the same. Viz

For Paving Grand St. from Arundel St to East River	$2478.67
Repaving Harman Street	357.62
Paving Intersection of BroadWay & Canal Street & for Paving side Walks in Canal St between Broad Way & Chapel Street	648. 8
	$3484.37

He also presented an assessment for Paving Second Avenue from North to First Street. and for regulating Gouverneur Street, on Easterly Side at Division Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed collector in each,

He also presented an ordinance for Regulating and filling up Lispenard Street from Broad Way to Church Street, which [13] was passed & John Brown[er] John Targee and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector Presented a report, stating that a Lot, belonging to the Corporation, at the Corner of Prince & Wooster Streets, required to be filled up, which was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to cause the same to be done,

He also presented the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N° 1	Thomas & George Lovett	Owners	Laurens Street	A Lot
2	Abijah Hammond	do	do	do
3	Rt M Livingston	do	do	do
4	Isaac Wigham	do	do	do
5	Rd Dickenson	do	do	do
6	Jno B Scott	do	do	do
7	Jno Thompson	do	do	do
8	Jno Jacob Astor	do	do	do
9	Jno B Murray	do	do	do

10	Hannah Murray	Owners		Laurens Street	A Lot
11	Js S Clarkson	do		Prince Street	do
12	do	do		do	do
13	Rt M Livingston	do		Hudson	do
14	[14] Tripler & Craig	do		Lau[r]ens St	A Lot
15	Jno B. Murray	do		Hudson St	do
16	C Stembler	do		Elizabeth	do
17	Rt Buchan Jr	do		Hudson & Desbrosses	do
18	Alfred S Pell	Agent		Mott St	do
19	Jno Beekman	do		Crosby	do
20	Norris L Martin	do		Jones	do
21	Mrs West	Lessee		Anthony	do
22	Rd Varick	Owner		Bowery	do
23	Jno Graff	do		Spring & Lawrence	do
24	J Wallace	Occupant	197	Division	A Privy
25	J Patterson	do	68	Murray	do
26	J Harris	do	164	Fly Market	do
27	Dl Dusenbury	do	114	Lombardy	do
28	Wm Gayford	do	49	Mulberry	do
29	Jno Hurley	do	7	Chatham	do
30	J Norris	do	1	Jacob	do
31	Ezra Hedden	do	1	Pelham	do
32	Wm Sibell	do	238	Greenwich	do
33	J. Mahan	do	34	Henry	do
34	E Kelly	do	13	Hague	do
35	Jno Van Bussum	do	55	Robinson	do
36	Danl [Van] Bussum	do	57	do	do
37	Mrs Arden	do	67	Water	do
38	Rt Cockran	do	211	do	do
39	David Westervelt	do	42	Anthony	do
40	[15] R Lewis	do	121	Anthony St	do
41	H White	do	124	Banker	do
42	B Hilton	do	185	Division	do
43	Widow Fagan	do	31	Cross	do
44	T Feighan	do	33	do	do
45	S Howard	do		Rynders Street	a Lot

Geo Cuming City Inspector

The Comptroller Presented the account of Alpheus Sherman Esq late Attorney of the Board from the Month of September to March last both Inclusive, which was referred to the Finance Committee

He also presented the following statement of the account from George B Smith, Collector of Arrearages of Taxes, which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the accounts of George B Smith Collector of Arrearages of Taxes from the 1st of July 1820 to the 1st May 1821.

He has paid into the Treasury for Taxes collected and charges.....		7151.16
Paid Counsellor for 17 certificates.....		68.
Commissions		1183.93
		$8403.09
[16] Received for arrearages of Taxes In Ten Wards.....	6707.66	
Interest on Taxes of 1811 to 1819 inclusive.....	527.34	
Costs of Advertising and Expenses of Sales Dec 9. 1820 & April 18. 1821.....	1163. 9	8398.09
Balance due G B Smith to new acct.....		$5.

Respectfully submitted.

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He also presented an account of Fees due Robert Bogardus from the Corporation on a suit of Chamberlain against Luke Kip, for erecting a Building within the Fire Districts wherein there was a verdict for defendant, the Bill amounting to $91.81/. whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for Payment of the same.

He also presented the following Annual Report relating to the Finances of the City, which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee with authority to cause the same to be printed.

Annual Report &c

The Annual Report of the Comptroller, is respectfully presented to the Common Council.

[17] Annexed, is an account of Cash received into the Treasury, and paid out by Warrants. from the 8th of May 1820. to the 15th May 1821.

Balance in the Treasury May 8. 1820.....	$.308.48
Received during the Year.....	1.034.777.49
	1.035.085.97
Paid out by Warrants.....	982089.44
Balance in the Treasury May 15. 1821.....	$52.996.53

The account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the same period, is also presented.

The Amount redeemed of the Six per Cent Stock, is the same as reported last year; no purchases have been made in consequence of the advanced premium during that time.

A balance sheet for Six Months preceding, accompanies this report. Several accounts remain unpaid, which migh[t] properly be put in Suit, and they would have been handed over for this purpose.

had not the expense accruing to individuals concerned, and the very great delay attending legal proceedings, induced a desire of procuring a settlement if possible, without having recourse to the last resort

A List of such accounts as will unavoidably have to be presented to the Counsellor of the Corporation for adjustment, will be shortly prepared.

[18] Agreeably to a resolution of the Board, on the 10th of April 1820. The Comptroller was instructed "to insert in his Annual Report, the items composing the Public Debt. and the object for which the said debt was contracted, and also the whole amount thereof."

The Following is a statement of the Public Debt of the City.

Amount of 6 Per Cent Stock created July 9. 1812.....		$600.000
Decr 1. 1812.....		100.000
June 30. 1817.....		100.000
Septr 6. 1819.....		100.000
		900.000
Redeemed by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....		151.500
		748.500
Amount of Five Per Cent Stock created July 20 1820	$200.000	
Redeemed by the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund	45000	155000
Amount of 5 per Cent Stock May 9 1821.....	$200.000	
Redeemed by Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	15.000	185000
Amount of City Stock.....		1.088.500
Bonds		
Richard Varick	23540	
Mechanics Bank	67.129.82	90.669.82
Total amount of Debt.....		$1.179.169.82

[19] The whole sum subscribed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to the last loan, is deducted as redeemed, although the first Instalment of seventy five per Cent, has been paid, the remainder will be payable on the first of August next.

"The last Loan of $200.000, at five per cent. is for the payment of the Ground taken for Fulton Market, and for building the same.

The Bonds of Mr Varick will be due the 1st of May 1822, and are the remainder of the amount of purchase of the block between Fulton and Dey Streets, at the North River, in the year 1812.

Nine Bonds to Mechanics Bank, and for building a sewer in Canal

Street; the collection of the Money due from Individuals interested in this improvement has been suspended in consequence of legal proceedings which are still pending. A bond of $6000 is for a Loan of Mechanics Bank, authorised by a resolution of the Common Council 27th Novemb 1820, and was to supply a deficiency occasioned by an uncollected assessment in Harman Street as nearly the whole amount has since been Collected, the above mentioned Bond is reported amoung the accounts presented this day for payment

The Commencement of the present debt, was [20] in the year 1792, since which it has arisen to the above stated amount. The principal purposes for which it was contracted are the following

Ground Taken to open and improve Streets; building the City Hall, new Alms House and Penitentiary at Bellvue; Opening and improving Avenues and Roads; ground and buildings for Markets; ground purchased, and buildings erected for Fire Engines; filling Public Basins and forming Bulkheads, Docks and Piers, &c.

An appraisement of the property of the Corporation was made in August last, and is comprised under the following heads

Real Estate productive	$1.495.317.50
Do Unproductive	1.835.336.62
Personal Property	65.564.
	$3.396.218.12

A report of the Finance Committee, exhibiting a statement of all the Public property, having been published and presented to the Members of the Board, a detailed enumeration at present will be unnecessary.

The following is the annual Revenue from Corporation Property

Water Lot rent	$8078.20
Ground do	12955.71
[21] House do	3765.
Cellars under Markets	1705.
Brooklyn property	2684.
Common Lands Rent	1505.
33 Lots do wheat rent	107.65
22 do in the City do do	211.25
Ferries	10318.75
Street Manure	3275.
Docks & Slips	25370.
	$69.975.56

In addition to the above, there are receips from Vendue Sales, Excise and Tavern licenses, Fees of Justices' Courts, Commutation of Alien passengers, Mayoralty Fees, Penalties, Police Office. City Prison Fees, which amounted last year to $46.825.87

The above vary annually except the first, which is fixed by a Law of the State at $10.000.

It will be observed that the receipts for the past Year differ from the statement above made of "Annual Revenue." This arises from part of the Rents not being collected on some items, and balances of former years having been received on others, A variation also happens from a diminution or increase of Rent, in one year, from that of the preceding

The Revenue from Markets. Hack Licenses [22] Pawn Broker Licenses, Street Vaults, Water Lot rents on grants issued prior to 1804. quarterly dividends on City Stock; and twenty five per cent on sales of property; are appropriated according to Law, by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to the redemption of the City Stock.

Total amount received from these s[o]urces, the Year past $22.857.57

There are no receips during the above period, from sales of property.

The Commissioners of the sinking Fund have, appropriated for redeeming City Stock, the sum of $302.92 more than has been received, which will be reimbursed, from the amount of Market Rents already collected.

The first Quarter produced $2380.50, and a few Stalls are yet to be disposed of

The substitution of rent in the several Markets instead of Fees has been effected with less difficulty than was anticipated. The change will doubtless be beneficial, and an equitable sum being apportioned on the several Stalls, will probably tend to produce general Satisfaction.

The expenses attending the Fire Department, will be considerably lessened, by the late [23] arrangement of transferring the repairs of Engines to the Superintendant of Repairs.

The expediency of placing the repairs of public Lamps under the management of the same Department, was recommended to the Board, in a report made the 22^{d} January last, and which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Leases of Lands in the 9th Ward, will expire as follows

346½ Acres on the first of May.	1823
10½	1824
49	1825
26	1826
4	1849
436 Acres	

It is respectfully suggested, whether the public interest would not be promoted, by selling those Lots in Fee, when the Leases cease and appropriate the amount to reducing the City Debt.

The owners no doubt would be induced to Cultivate the soil to greater advantage, and make permanent improvements, when possessed in this manner, than Lessees otherwise would.

Whether the public Docks and Slips could be disposed of to greater advantage, *as* [is] a subject which deserves consideration.

[24] The receipts from them at present, is but three per Cent on the value estimated a few months past, and the annual expense of repairs is very considerable

The[re] are portions of Real Estate unproductive, which could be advantageously sold and the proceeds applied to a further reduction of debt.

A new mode of proceedure appears necessary, relative to the assessments on Personal Esta*ta*tes, The total amount returned last year, was only $17.446.425. Taking into calculation the sum invested in twenty-seven Monied institutions. The several kinds of Public Debt owned here. The large amount of foreign and domestic Merchandize, sent from different quarters to this Metropolis for sale, the diversified species of personal property possessed by inhabitants of this City, —it must be manifest that a great deficiency exists in the amount annually returned by the assessors of the respective Wards.

The result of complete valuation, would probably exhibit an increase of Eighteen Millions of Dollars, which would produce about Seventy Thousand, additional, and consequently lessen each individual [25] Tax more than a fourth part. the State would also derive a considerable accession to its revenue.

In a report m[a]de to the Board on the 24th January 1820, the subject was particularly explained, and a remedy proposed to obviate the defects at present existing.

The ample resources of the Corporation, and the promptitude, with which all their engagements are settled, are the best pledges of a con-

tinuation of Public Confidence; and it may reasonably be anticipated, that a judicious application of the various branches of revenue connected with a further reduction of expenses, would produce a diminution of the Public Debt, and a gradual Decrease of Taxes, so very desirable in the present situation of affairs

Respectfully Submitted

G N Bleecker, Comptroller

[26] City and County of New York.

Account of Cash, Received and Paid, from May 8th 1820 to May 15, 1821

Balance in the Treasury May 8. 1820		308 48
Received	from Whitehead Fishs', Executors	10753.18
do	Real Estate, for a gore of land in Chamber Street Sold to E. Anderson	200.
do	Bonds Payable, for Loan on bond to Mechanics Bk	6000.
do	Defence Account, from U S, Government for lands taken for fortifications during late War	36247.
do	Roads, for balances from Commissioners on Settlement of Accounts	100.63
do	Excise	15233.75
do	Justices Courts Fines and Costs	9537.74
do	Court of General Sessions of the Peace Fines collected by the Sheriff March & April	136.
do	Tavern Licenses	8912.90
do	Streets Collected on Assessments	204641.66
do	Wells & Pumps do do	2443.43
do	Police office (unclaimed property sold)	409.49
do	Lien on Lots, amount Collected	761.27
do	Penalties	101.99
do	Interest account, Interest on Bonds arrears of Taxes &c.	2407.50
do	Fulton Market Ground, rent of Store thereon	125.
do	Charges on Arrears of Taxes, advertising, certificates Leases &c	1476.59
[27] do	Docks & Slips, Amt Collected of individual proportions of expenses	13.149.46
do	Tax for 1819, balance	73794.10
do	Tax for 1820. Amount Collected	184175.
do	City Loans, for subscriptions	354680.
do	Commutation of Water Quit Rent	5276.26
do	do Alien Passengers	1260.
do	Mayoralty Fees	1136.75
do	City Prison Fees	233.25
do	Third Avenue	190.03
do	Sixth do	160.56
do	Intestate Estates	569.10

Received	Arrears of Taxes, Amt. Collected by Special Collector...	6165.58
do	Vendue Sales	10000.
do	Water Lot Rent.....	8825.69
do	Ground Rent	16902.60
do	House Rent	2795. 4
do	Common Land Rent.....	1956.78
do	Docks & Slips Rent.....	39625.
do	Street Manure	4803.14
do	Ferry Rent	9591. 2
		$1.035085.97

[28] Paid	for Board of Health.....	1272.84
do	Whitehead Fishs' Acct, transferred from debit of the Treasurer	21690.51
do	Real Estate. Assessment on Potters Field for Minetto sewer	1340.
do	Bonds Payable—1 Bond to State of New York 5 to Mechanics Bank & 18 to Individuals.....	170813.35
do	Defence Account, Genl Morton's expenses to Washington and compensation	1200.
do	Repairs of Roads.....	2200.
do	Excise, Annual Appropriation for free School Society...	1500.
do	Justices Courts, Justices and clerks Salaries and Room Rent to the 1st instant.....	12692.94
do	Court of the General Sessions of the Peace, District Attorneys fees, and officers and Witnesses attending court	22.184.53
do	Tavern Licenses, clerks assisting to issue.....	69.50
do	Streets, for opening improving & repairing.....	207663.22
do	Wells and Pumps, digging wells setting Pumps.....	1216.20
do	Police office, Justices and clerks Salaries and stationary.	4962.74
do	Lien on Lots, filling in paving and fencing in front of Sundry Lots	1321.86
do	Penalties remitted and costs of Suit, &c.....	170.49
[29] do	Interest Account, Interest on Bonds.....	12852.73
do	Fulton Market Ground.....	156704.37
do	Charges on Arrears of Taxes advertising Certificates &c.	630.63
do	Docks & Slips, building Bulkheads, repairing piers &c...	19803.49
do	Ferries, Tax on Property at Halletts point.....	2.04
do	Salaries	31064.47
do	Printing & Stationary.....	3715.41
do	County Contingencies,*	7795. 5
do	Annual Election, Inspectors, clerks and Constables attending	1156.
do	Lamps, Oil, lighting Lamps, repairing Lamps and Posts..	26011.79
do	Fire Department, Engines and repairs of do.....	6098.71
do	Third Avenue for Working.....	7569.84
do	Watch	55292.19

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	Paid Chiratable Institutions Annual donations	1900.
	do State of New York, arrears of Tax for 1815 1816. 1817 and 1819	24643. 2
	do Assessors of Tax, making assessment and copying books	2954.
	do Park Fence (for draft)	20.
	do Alms House Bridewell & Penitentiary	85.000.
	do City Stock Interest	61500.
[30]	do Repairs, repairs of Public Property Including Wells and Pumps	8,894.42
	do Coroners Fees	1854.48
	do Commissioners of Common Schools	7376.61
	do Markets	182.50
	do Canal Street Basins extending Sewer filling in and Building Bulkhead	8769.51
	Balance in the Treasury May 15. 1821	52996.53
		$1035085.97

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County Contingencies

Register's Office, Drafting Index $600. Registering deed $5.13	605.13
Counsel, Trying Causes, revising and drafting Laws costs of Suit &C	1101.56
Celebration of the 4th July, and 25th November	1796.74
Expenses of Corporation at City Hall, cleaning Building &c $638.07. Fuel $600	1238.07
Completing Tax, $350. Portrait of General Jackson, balance $300, and framing $70	720.
Appraisers—for valuation of Public Property $635.86 Lists of Passengers $150	785.86
Carriage Hire to Bellevue, and Committee, $166. Visit *Visit* of Cadets $469	635.
Index for Minutes $120, Seal for court of Common Pleas $15	135.
[31] Ammunition for Troops on Visit of Secretary of War	84.62
Maps & Directories of the City $193.12. Map of the 6th Ward $50.	243.12
Removing Nuisances $119.44 Manure for Park and Battery $134.74	254.18
Errors in Tax returned by Warrant $17.50 Auction charges on Property Sold $158.27	175.77
Peace officers attending City Hall at Sundry times	12.
Charges for Property sold for arrears of Taxes (received and not disbursed by the Corporation) returned to the Owners	8.
	$7.795.05

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

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May 8. 1820.	To Balance at their credit in the Treasury		14829.17
	" Amt received into the Treasury to their credit as follows:		
For $9877.20 U S. 6 per Cent Stock, sold 6th July 1820 at 6¼ per Cent premium		10,494.53	
Less Brokerage ¼ per Cent		26.23	10468.30
For $7122.80 U S 6 per Cent Stock, sold 17th July 1820 at 5¾ Per Cent Premium		7532.35	
Less Brokerage ¼ per Cent		18.83	7513.52
Interest on U S Stock			255.
[32] To Interest on City Stock			10652.50
do from Mechanics for Balance in Treasury			389.77
Water Lot Rent			1846. 7
Market Fees			8095.86
Pawn Brokers Licenses			150.
Hack Licenses			548.
Street Vaults			1585.14
Balance to their Credit in new Acct			302.92
			$56636.25

Credit

1820		
Aug 1	By Amount of Warrant on the Treasury for Subscription to the $200.000. 5 per Cent Loan of this date at par	35.000.
Nov 10.	By Amount of Warrant on the Treasury for $10.000. 5 per Ct. City Stock purchased at ⅜ per Cent Premium	10037.50
1821		
May 12	By Warrant on the Treasury for 75 Per Ct. on the Subscription of $15.000. to the $200000. 5 per Cent Loan of this date at 3⅓ pr Ct Prem	11598.75
		$56636.25
May 15. 1821.	By Balance from the above Acct	302.92

Total of Receipts by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, from its Commencement

August 23. 1813, to May 15, 1821,

[33] For	Water Lot Rents	12540.16
	Market Fees	56555.54
	Pawn Brokers Licenses	5116.63
	Hack Licenses	4144.

For Street Vaults	13316.74
Commutation of Wheat Quit Rent	3999.91
do " Water do	15.583.47
Twenty five per Cent on sales of Common Lands	56617.58
Profit on U S Stock	987.14
Interest on Defence Bonds	230.18
do " City Stock	37541.
do " U States do	1800.
do from Mechanics Bank for balance in Treasury	389.77
	$208822.12
Balance to Credit of Commissioners in n/a	302.92
	$209125. 4
Invested in $151.500 City 6 per Cent Stock, which cost	152488.79
do 45.000 City 5 do do do	45037.50
do 11250 " 5 " ", at 3⅓ per Cent Premium, being 75 Per Cent in the Subscription of $15000. to the $200000 Loan of 1821	11598.75
	$209.125.04

Stephen Allen Mayor
Richard Riker Recorder
John Fleming City Treasurer
G. N. Bleeker, Comptroller
} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

[34] The Counsel presented a Deed to Colonel Henry Rutgers, for that portion of Oliver Street which has recently ben inclosed and which lies in front of his ground; which was directed to be executed.

He also presented a Lease to Charles Dobbs of the Street Manure, in the District heretofore leased to Benjamin Disbrow, which was referred to him to be amended—was reported accordingly amended, and was the[n] directed to be executed.

He also presented the following certificates of Sale of certain Lots sold on 18th of April last for Taxes, which were directed to be executed

The Council herewith submits for execution Certificates of the Sale of Taxes, on the 18th day of April last of the herein after mentioned and described Lots of Ground—to wit

Respectfully submitted

Ogden Edwards

[35]

Year and Ward	Property	Street No.	Map No.	Street	in whose name assessed	amount of Tax &c	To whom Sold	Term of Years
1819 7	One Lot.....	...	2076	Banker.....	Widow Byron.....	17 38	David Dunham.....	Twenty four
" 7	One Lot.....	...	2088	Lombardy.....	Widow Byron.....	17 38	William L Simers.....	Thirty four
" 7	1 House & Lot	120	....	Harman.....	Abraham Stagg...	24 27	Jacob Halsey.....	Ten
" 8	1 House & Lot	...	880	Elizabeth.....	John Davenport...	20 45	John *M D* Laurence [M D]..	Nine
" 8	1 House & Lot	...	821	Mott.....	John Davenport...	23 14	Bartholomew McGaraghan.	Seven
" 8	1 House & Lot	...	64	Mott.....	Allen Reynolds....	18 19	the same.....	Five
" 8	1 Lot.....	...	1179	Mercer.....	Murray & Wheaton	16 19	the same.....	Twenty Eight
" 9	1 & ¾ acres...	on Louisa Street		Kips Bay..	James B Mower...	19 70	John *M D* Laurence [M D]..	Twenty Eight
" 9	1 & ¾ acres...	on Eliza Street		do ...	the same.....	19 70	the same.....	Twenty one
" 9	15 Lots (Nos 61, 62, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 184, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 Nos.			Fitz Roi Road . on Clarks Map.	Thomas B Clark...	19 28	David Dunham.....	Seventeen
" 9	10½ Lots No 58 Map of Franklin & Robinson..				John Williams....	16 86	John Sloan.....	Five
" 9	1 House & 7 acres...		....	Fitz Roi Road..	Thos B Clark.....	49 59	the same.....	Six
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	1618	Norfolk.....	Misple Decatur...	16 94	John Wilder.....	Fifteen
" 10	1 Lot, part 1459 1460 & 1461 Delancy S Map			Hester.....	" Decatur...	17 38	George Lovett.....	Sixteen
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	2686	Broome.....	Henry Livingston..	16 05	George Lovett.....	Twenty four
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	2687	Broome.....	the same.....	16 05	David L Brown.....	Nineteen
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	3406	North.....	the same.....	15 57	the same.....	Thirty five
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	3479	Delancy.....	John Rooke.....	16 49	George Lovett.....	Twenty Six
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	3480	Delancy.....	the same.....	16 49	the same.....	Twenty four
" 10	1 Lot.....	...	3481	Delancy.....	the same.....	16 49	the same.....	Twenty

[36] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Disbrow praying remission of certain fines incurred reported, which report was approved & Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Disbrow late Contractor of the eastern District, Report that Mr Disbrow having transferred his contract to Mr Charles Dobbs by consent of the Board, as your Committee believe at a considerable loss, they do not perceive that any public benefit would result from enforcing the penalties against the petitioner, under the circumstances of this case, they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the penalties incurred by Benjamin Disbrow for not cleaning the Streets agreeably to the ordinance or by-Law for that purpose made previous to his assigning his contract to Charles Dobbs be remitted, on payment of costs by him

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Charles Town
Francis Cooper

[37] The same Committee on the Petition of Stephen Gould reported

The finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Gould Report

Mr Gould is indebted to the Common Council for Rent, and offers to furnish Such copies and parts of Copies of the Laws as may be wanted for the use of the Board as low as any other person will sell them, the Committee therefore recommend, the granting the prayer of the Petitioner, and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Copies and parts of Copies of the Laws of the State necessary for the immediate use of the board be procured of Stephen Gould and also one Copy of the Laws of the last Session of the Congress of the United States be procured of Stephen Gould for the use of the Mayors office

Respectfully submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Frans Cooper.

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[38] The same Committee on the Petition of the Collectors of Taxes reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petitions of the Collectors of Taxes praying for the extension of the time allowed by Law for the settlement of their accounts with the City chamberlain. Report that by the Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, it is provided that every Collector shall within One Week after the expiration of the time mentioned in his warrant for paying the amount of the Tax to the County Treasurer settle his account of the same Tax with the County Treasurer, and in case any of the Taxes mentioned in the assessment roll annexed to his warrant or any part of them shall remain unpaid, and he shall not have been able to levy the same, he shall deliver to the County Treasurer an account of the Taxes so remaining due and if such Collector, shall make oath before the County Treasurer, or in case of his absence before a justice of the Peace of such county, which oath such Treasurer or Justice of the Peace is authorised to administer, that the Sums mentioned in such account, remain unpaid, and [39] that he has not upon diligent enquiry been able to discover any goods or chattels belonging to, or in possession of either of the Persons charged with or liable to pay the said respective sums, whereupon he could levy the same and that such account is a true transcript of the original assessment roll, then and in either such case, the County Treasurer shall credit the account of such Collector with the amount thereof, and before the first day of April thereafter shall transmit to the Comptroller of this State the said account or return of arrears with the affidavit of the Collector written at the foot, or on the Back of said account: and that if any Collector shall refuse or neglect to pay to the County Treasurer, the amount of the Taxes Mentioned in any such assessment roll delivered to him as aforesaid or to account for the same in manner aforesaid, in the time limited as aforesaid then the County Treasurer shall within Twenty days thereafter issue a warrant to the Sheriff of the County, commanding him to cause the same or so much thereof as shall remain unpaid, and not accounted for to be levied of the Goods and [40] Chattels, lands and tenements of such Collector—That the time mentioned in the warrant of the Collectors to account with the Treasurer is the second Monday of May and that one Week thereafter brings the time to the twenty first day of May instant and that the Treasurer has twenty days after that time in which to proceed—The Committee cannot perceive that the Common Council have any discretion under the statute to enlarge the time, and that it is not in

their power to do more than to express a recommendation or request to the Treasurer to grant such indulgence to the Collectors as is in his power to give They therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the County Treasurer be requested to allow the Collectors of Taxes such time to settle their accounts as may be in his power to give

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Francis Cooper

which report was approved and the Resolution adopted,

[41] The attorney of the Corporation presented a communication, detailing the mode in which he understood the duties of his office had heretofore been conducted, in relation to the commencement, and the discontinuance of Suits and remissions of Penalties, in order that instruction might be given to him, on the subject, if deemed necessary—He also stated that a complaint had been made to him against Jacob Segoine for selling in the market butter, deficient in weight—He also represented sundry cases, where complaints had been made and the parties had removed the evil complained of; whereupon the said several communications were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Finance Committee, on the account presented by Dobbs & Furman reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of Waters Furman and Charles Dobbs for removing snow from the Public Markets, Report, that the services therein charged appear to have been necessary, and the price reasonable, they therefore recommend the [42] following resolution

Resolved that a warrant pass in favor of Waters Furman & Charles Dobbs for Thirty One Dollars and Seventy five Cents

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and a warrant directed to pass for the same

The Committee on assessments, on the Representation of Morris De Camp Collector of assessments reported,

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred a commu-

nication from Morris De Camp collector of the assessment for building the Minetto sewer, and for opening Harman Street, stating that various pieces of property have been assessed to individuals which on examination are found to be owned only in part by them, and requesting that a subdivision may be made.

Respectfully Report, that they have carefully examined the subject, and are [43] of opinion, that the different amounts ought to be apportioned amoung the respective owners

The[y] therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Morris De Camp, collector be autho[ri]sed to receive from the different owners, the proportion of their respective assessments, as " stated in the following list, with the Interest and charges that may have accrued thereon Viz

Nos 591 592 593 594 595 were assessed to owners unknown for the Minetto sewer in the sum of $90. these Lots are about equally situated and may be charged alike, and to the following Persons.

Nos 591 592 & 593 to J N Lord at 18$	$54.00
594 to William Stone	18.
595 to A Frazer	18.
	$90.00

Note Mr Frazer has paid the $18.

Nos 620 621 622 623 were assessed to owners unknown for the Minetto sewer, in the sum of $60.

No 624. was assessed to owners unknown in the sum of $15 and forms a part of Amity Lane in front of Nos 620 621. 622 and 623— which being still [44] a public street, should have been assessed to the following persons

Nos 620 to J N Lord	$18.75
621 to Wm Paulding	18.75
622 to Jas Jarvis	37.50
623 to the same	
	$75.00

Note Mr Paulding & Jarvis have already paid as above

No 228 Includes 4 Lots on N. Side of Jones street assessed to Harman Westervelt for the Minetto sewer, in the sum of $56. He owns but two being situated alike, they may be charged alike at $14. each

No 231 Includes 3 Lots on N. Side Jones Street assessed to William Patterson for the Minetto sewer in the sum of $43. He owns but two—they may be charged alike at $14.33 each.

N° 267. Includes 5 Lots in the 6th Avenue assessed to J C Kraff in the sum of $100. for Minetto Sewer, and should have been assessed as follows

4 Lots to Estate of J C Kraff	$80.00
1 do to William Devoe	20.
	$100.

N° 292 Includes 6 Lots on Greenwich Lane [45] assessed to A W Hutchinson in the sum of $130. he is not owner of the whole, they may be charged alike at $21.67 each

N° 293 Includes 10 Lots in Christopher Street assessed to A Hammond, for Minetto sewer in the sum of $200 He owns but 8. which he has paid at $20 each, the other two may be charged at the same.

N° 302 Includes 8 Lots assessed to Abijah Hammond for Minetto Sewer, in the sum of $160, he owns but Six which he has paid for at the rate of $20 each, the other two may be charged at the same

The following assessments are for opening Harman Street.

N° 148 Includes 8 Lots assessed to the Estate of John Lawrence, but should have been charged to the following Persons Viz

4 Lots to Mutual Insurance Co	$34.
1 do " Marinus Willet	6.50
1 do " Lewis Sanford	5.50
1 do " Eliza Wiggins	4.
1 do " C Matthews	3.
which is the Amount Assessed	$53.00

[46] N° 149 150 151 Includes 8 Lots assessed to Marinus Willet. Wm Hunter & John Devine in the sum of $332, they ought to have been charged to Estate of John Lawrence

N° 152 Includes 8 Lots, assessed to R M Livingston, in the sum of $125, they are not his, but should have been assessed as follows

4 Lots to William Hunter	$97.
2 do " M Welles	18.
2 do " John Devine	10.
	$125.

Charles Town Chairn
William Thorn
Thos Bolton
John P Anthony

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of John Gilleland reported

The Committee on assessments to whom the Petition of John Gillelan, stating that there is an error in the assessment for the opening of Varick Street, and praying that the amount of the assessment may be apportioned amoung the [47] different Lots, which were included in N° 191, as he is not the owner of more than about one fourth part,

Report, that they have carefully examined the subject, and are of opinion that the amount of the assessment ought to be apportioned amoung the different Lots intended to be benefitted.

They therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Morris De Camp Collector be authorised to receive from the owners of the Lots that were included in N° 191 the following proportion of the original assessment, for opening Varick Street, together with the Interest and charges thereon Viz

From the Corporation of Trinity Church for a triangular piece of Ground fronting on Varick Street.....	$6.00
From Samuel Jones for three Lots adjoining the above, fronting on Downing Street	12.00
From John Gillehan for three Lots fronting on Carmine Street.....	6.
	$24.

Cha^{s} Town Ch
William Thorn
Thomas Bolton
Jn° P Anthony

[48] Which report was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 25 Reported

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 25 stating that her great bulk and weight are such as to render her of little service to the Public, except the Fire should be in the vicinity of their station, and then the labour of working her is much more than that of other engines in proportion to the water she discharges, insomuch, that it is with extreme difficulty, as sufficient number of Men are kept attached to her, she is likewise much out of order.

Respectfully Report that they have had the said Petition under consideration, and believe the above statement to be correct, your Committee have made enquiry as to the value of N° 25, the highest value is $300. with the condition to build a new Engine for the Company,

[49] Your Committee are of opinion after mature reflection, that it would be advisable to authorize the chief Engineer, to procure One of the usual size, after selling N° 25, for the said Company; respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and is hereby authorised to dispose of Engine N° 25. and to purchase a new Engine of the usual size

John P Anthony
Wm H Ireland
Robt McQueen.

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on Petition for a Bill, at Centre Market reported

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Philip C Ruckel, and Thirty others stating, that they are Firemen residing in a part of the City, which although thickly populated and quite extinsive, has no Bell, to sound an alarm of Fire, sufficiently near them to give an early call to their duty, respectfully represents that to have a [50] Bell, placed in the Steeple of the Centre Market in Grand Street, which is on very high ground, that a Watchman during the Night is generally near it if he is vigilant, many of your Petitioners would get an alarm of Fire, in the Lower part of the City, in two Minutes after goal Bell Struck and an extensive, neighborhood not well supplied with Water would have a Bell to give an alarm of Fire within its own prescints.

Report, that they have had the Petition under Consideration, and have ascertained the price of a suitable Bell to be $55. That for the reasons, set forth by the Petitioners, your Committee are of Opinion the prayer ought to be granted, and offer accordingly the following resolution

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs be and is hereby authorised to purchase a Bell for a sum not to exceed fifty five Dollars, and to cause the same to be properly place[d] in the Steeple of Centre Market in Grand Street

[51] John P Anthony
Wm H Ireland.

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 39 for the purchase of Flax Hose reported

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 39. stating that a member of their Company lately imported 52 feet of French Flax Hose, for the

purpose of giving it a trial, and finding it to answer the expectations of many belonging to the Fire Department, requests this Honourable Body, to purchase the same for the use of the Company.

Report that in their opinion it is desirable to make a trial of the French Flax Hose, it comes at half the price of good Leather Hose and should it prove as durable, a considerable saving could be made in the expenses of the Fire Department, they are of opinion the request of Company N° 39 ought to be granted, and respectfully offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be [52] and he is hereby authorised, to purchase the 52 feet of French Flax Hose of Engine Company N° 39 for their use

Resolved that the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of Thomas Franklin Chief Engineer, for the sum of Twenty Eight Dollars and Forty One Cents for said Hose

John P Anthony
Wm H Ireland

which was approved the Resolutions adopted and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto

The same Committee on the Petition of Gurdon Buck reported.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Gurdon Buck, stating that Fire Engine N° 21 passing up Fulton Street to the fire, on the night of the 3d March ran against the steps in front of the House N° 88 in said Street occupied by him, and broke the stone, he therefore prays, that your Honourable Body will Cause the same to be repaired

Respectfully Reports, That your Committee [53] are of Opinion, that this Board are not liable for any damage the firemen, may do with the Engines in passing up or down the Streets, That it would in the opinion of your Committee be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that [it] is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

John P Anthony
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Petition of the Executors of J McKay reported

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the Petition of James Dobbins and Joseph Trulock as Executors to the Estate of John McKay.

Report, that from the Books of the City Inspector, it appears that the Executors and Tenants of certain Property belonging to the Estate of John McKay, situate in Tolbert Street, late (Moores Row) were duly served with notices on the 27th day of December last, to have the [54] Nuisances abated, arising from several sinks, on or before the 10th of January

It also appears, that on the 2d day of May Instant. that a reexamination was made and that nothing had been done toward said abatement, whereupon Mr Dobbins was noticed by the attorney

The opinion of the Committee is that as a reasonable time was allowed and nothing done to abate the nuisance, and more so, as the approaching warm Weather was at hand, the Gentlemen can have no reasonable expectation of being relieved from the attorneys Costs, which bear but a small proportion to the Penalties, which had been incurred by them, but remitted by the City Inspector

Your Committee, would therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution Viz

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Respectfully Submitted

B Crane Chr
Abr Valentine
Francis Cooper
William Thorn

[55] which report was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Same Committee, on the Petition of Sundry Persons, praying to be appointed, Inspectors of Weights and Measures presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of sundry Persons praying to be appointed to the office of Inspector of Weights and Measures agreeably to the Law as amended

Report, That the[y] Have had the same under consideration, for a considerable time past, and have endeavored to become acquainted with the qualifications of the respective petitioners, and would indulge a hope of having made a Judicious Selection

Your Committee, would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that Townsend Cock be and is hereby appointed, Inspector of Weights and Measures, for the City and County of New York

Resolved *to* [that] Joseph P Simpson be reappointed a Sealer of Weights & Measures, only

[56] Resolved, that the Inspector furnish a complete set of Weights and Measures agreeably to the standard of the State at his own Expense.

Respectfully Submitted

B Crane Ch[n]
Francis Cooper
William Thorn

M[r] De Peyster Moving, that the Inspector of Weights and Measures be appointed by ballot, The Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that office when, Townsend Cock was duly elected,

The Second Resolution, reappointing Joseph P Simpson Sealer of Weights and Measures was agreed to, and

The Third Resolution, directing the Inspector to furnish a Sett of Weights and Measures at his own expe[n]se was also agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the Petition of the Justices of the Marine Court, reported

The Committee on Public Offices—to whom was referred the Petition of the Justices of the Marine Court

Report, that having examined the [57] Premises complained of, are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners, ought to be granted, and would therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs, be instructed, to erect a railing around the East End of the Hall similar to the one around the Grand Jury Room

Respectfully Submitted

B Crane Ch[n]
Fran[s] Cooper
William Thorn

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of James Weeden Reported

The Market Committee recommend the Prayer of the Petitioner to be granted and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that stan*t*[d] N[o] 23 in the Fly Market be granted to James Weeden and that he be licensed accordingly

Henry J Wyckoff
Tho[s] S Townsend
M. Gelston
Cha[s] Town
Isaac Emmons

[58] which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Joseph Smith reported

The Market Committee recommend the Prayer of the Petitioner to be granted and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Stand N° 5 in the Fly Market be granted to Joseph Smith and that he be licensed accordingly

Henry J Wyckoff
Thos S. Townsend
M Gelston
Chas Town
Isaac Emmons

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of John De Rivierre, reported

The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner to be granted and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Stand N° 31 in the Fly Market be gran[te]d to John De Rivierre De revere [59] and that he be Licensed accordingly

Henry J Wyckoff
Thos S Townsend
M Gelston
Chas Town
Isaac Emmons

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Nassau Street, on the Subject of Erecting Awning Posts reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Forman Lyon and others

Respectfully Report. That they have taken said application into consideration respecting permission to put up awning posts in Nassau Street. They find by an ordinance of the Corporation, that no Awning Post be put up in any street less than 40 feet Wide, and this Street being less than that, they believe it would incommode the passage in the said Street

They are therefore of opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought not be granted

[60] Francis Cooper
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

which was accepted and directed to be filed

The Same Committee on the Petition, respecting the deposite of Manure reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abel S Clapp and others

Respectfully Report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find an Ordinance to prevent Street Manure being deposited, on the South Side of North Street, and believing the Health of the City, requires the continuance of the said ordinance,

They therefore are of Opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted

Francis Cooper
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

[61] which was accepted, and directe[d] to be filed

The Same Committee on the Petition of H L Seixas & Co Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of H L Seixas & Co.

Respectfully Report, that they have taken the same into Consideration, and find by an ordinance of the Corporation, that no Auctioneer be permitted to sell in Wall Street below Water Street, and believing it would open the door for other applicants of a Similar nature and obstruct the passage very Much, by granting this permission, They are therefore of Opinion that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted

Francis Cooper
Henry J. Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

which was accepted and directed to be filed

The Same Committee to whom was reffered from the City Inspector, respecting Sunken [62] Lots owned by A L Stewart reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the enclosed ordinance for filling up certain sunken Lots between Varick and Hudson Street

Report, that they have examined the Condition of said Lots, and a part of Broome Street, and are of Opinion that the same ought to pass,

Therefore present the following resolution.

Resolved that the Ordinance be confirmed, and that the City Inspector be instructed, to Cause the same to be carried into effect. by the fifteenth day of June next

Francis Cooper
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the ordinance passed

A Letter from the Chamberlain accompanied with Copies of Letters from him to the Comptroller of the State and his reply thereto, on the subject of Interest on [63] certain arrears of Tax, claimed by the State from the Corporation, was presented and were referred to the Finance Committee

The following Communication was received from the clerk of the Common Council in relation to a Firemans Certificate, given to Samuel Bell, which was directed to be entered on the Minutes and filed

The Clerk of the Common Council respectfully reports that Samuel Bell having made satisfactory Proof, that he was elected a Fireman on the 24th April 1805, but through some mistake of the former Clerk, his appointment was not entered on the Minutes, the clerk according to the Resolution of the Board has given a certificate to Mr Bell of his Service from that period

The Clerk considers it proper to make this report in order that Mr Bells appointment may appear on the Records of the Common Council

J Morton
Clerk

The Following notice relating to the calling of a Convention for the Amendment of the Constitution of the State was [64] received from the Sheriff of the City and County of New York, M M Noah Esq.

State of New York, ss.

We, the Secretary, Surveyor General, Attorney General, Comptroller, and Treasurer of the said State, upon the canvass and estimate of the votes given at the last anniversary Election, pursuant to the act, entitled "an Act recommending a convention of the People of this State" passed March 13, 1821, and the act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act recommending a convention of the Peo-

ple of this State" passed April 3, 1821, and returned to the Secretarys office agreeably to Law, Do Certify and Declare, that a Majority of the ballots or votes given at the said Election, and returned as aforesaid are "for a convention" That is to say, One Hundred and Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and forty Six votes for a Convention, and Thirty four Thousand Nine Hundred and One votes for No Convention

We do therefore, Certify and Declare, that a convention will be called accordingly, and that an election for Delegates to the said Convention will be held in [65] the Several Cities, and towns in this State on the Nineteenth day of June next; to meet in Convention at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, on the Twenty-Eighth day of August next, agreeable to the provisions of the before mentioned Acts of the Legislature

Given under our hands at the Secretary's Office of the said State; at the City of Albany, the twenty Second day of May, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty One, and in the forty fifth year of the Independence of the, United States

J. V N Yates, Secretary
S. DeWitt Surveyor General
Sam[l] A Talcott, Attorney General
John Savage Comptroller
B Knower Treasurer

State of New York } to wit
City & County of New York }

I Certify the above to be a true Copy of a certificate this day received by me from the Secretary of State by express. All officers and other persons in this County are therefore required to take notice, that an Election for [66] Eleven Delegates to represent this County in the said Convention, will be held in the several towns in this State of the 19[th] day of June, 1821 according to Law

Dated Sheriff's office, at New York
in the said County, the 24[th] day of
May 1821

M M Noah
Sheriff

Alderman Hammond presented the following resolution,

Resolved that Three persons in each ward of the City of New York be appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election for Eleven Delegates to represent the City and County of New York in the General State Convention to meet at Albany on the last Tuesday of August

next, the said election to be holden on the third Tuesday of June 1821. which was adopted

The Board then proceeded to Elect Persons to act as Inspectors, in the several Wards when the following persons were chosen

[67] 1st Ward	4th Ward	7th Ward
John L Lawrence	Abraham Bloodgood	Abraham Dally
Stephen Whitney	Jacob Vanderpool	David Lyon
George Griswold	John Robins	Henry S Brooks
2nd Ward	5th Ward	[68] 8th Ward
Wm M Hewlett	James D Westervelt	Stuart F Randolph
John Sutphen	Benjamin Strong	Samuel W Thompson
Elam Williams	Arthur Smith	Jacob Aimes
3rd Ward	6th Ward	9th Ward
John W Hinton	Wm Al Burtis	Jacobus Dyckman
Benjamin Stephens	Richard L Walker	Dirck Ten Brook
John C Hamilton	Wm Coulthard	Thomas Miller

10th Ward

David Seaman
Reuben Clark
Jeremiah Lounsberry

The Printed form of the Leases to be given to and Executed by the Butchers for the Stalls of the Several Markets, in the City were presented, and were referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to affix the sum to be paid by each Butcher on receiving a Lease

Alderman Hammond presented the following.

Resolved that five Persons be appointed Commissioners, of Common Schools for the City of New York, for the ensuing [69] Year. which was adopted

The Board then proceeded to Elect Five Commissioners, when the following Persons were chosen

Peter H Wendover — Abraham Russell
Jacob Drake — Roger Strong
Cornelius Heeney

A Law entitled a Law regulating the Salaries and Compensation, of the Officers of the Corporation of the City of New York, were presented and Passed

Alderman Thorp, moved that the former Resolution, directing the Keeper of the City Prison to report Monthly, the persons confined in the Bridewell be resinded

After some discussion thereof the further Consideration was postponed

Alderman Hammond presented the following Resolution

Resolved that his Honour the Mayor be ex-officio, a member of all standing Committees

[70] The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative

Alderman Mann requesting the Ayes & Noes they were as follows Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff Townsend Gelston Anthony Bingham Emmons Hammond Mr Bolton Valentine Ireland Crane Town Cooper Mead 15.

Negative Ald Mann Thorp McQueen Mr Parker Thorn Depeyster. 6

Alderman Mann gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the vote now given.

[71] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 14th Inst	7225.40
Received for Taxes. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 9. 10 Wards	39400.
" Streets	3607.96
" Rents	1311.92
" Tavern Licenses	127.40
" Justices Courts 5. 8. 7. 10 Wards	386. 1
" City Prison Fees	156.75
" Court of General Sessions fines	136.
" Arrears of Taxes	645. 9
	52996.53

69 Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st District	983.25
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	414.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Salary to 15th Inst	437.50
Jacob P Roome Super. Repairs 1 Qr to 14 "	250.
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr do 22	212.50
Talman J Waters Clerk Comptrollers Office 1 Qr " 24	200.
Thomas Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr 18th Inst	125.
Ogden Edwards Counseller 1 Qr 27 "	100.
B Skaats Keeper City Hall 1 Qr 24 "	100.
S Hutchings Street Inspector 1 Month 1st June	54.25
J Pinkney do do	54.25
Ab. Ackerman do do	54.25
Astin & Cockran Messenger do do	54.
Wm J Waldron asst City Inspector " "	47.25
[72] O Ayres Asst City Inspector Sal. 1 Mo to June 1	47.25

B Skaats Expenses for Corporation at City Hall 1 Qr					207.34
Manhattan Co. Water for Goal 1 Year 1st Inst					33.33
J Curtis Coach Hire to Bellevue H					27.50
Ald Tooker Attending Sessions 24 days Decr & May					72.
Ald Townsend	do	24	Jany & Apl		72.
Ald Kip	do	24	Jany & Mar		72.
Ald Anthony	do	12	Feb		36.
Ald McQueen	do	12	do		36.
Ald Board	do	24	Nov & Mar		72.
Ald Thorp	do	36	Nov Apl May		108.
Ald Allen	do	12	Decem		36.
J L Laurence & Others Inspectors of Election 1st Ward Apl					68.
E Williams	do	do	2d	"	68.
J C Hamilton	do	do	3d	"	68.
A Bloodgood	do	do	4th	"	52.
J D Westervelt	do	do	5th	"	60.
R L Walker	do	do	6th	"	68.
A Dally	do	do	7th	"	52.
J B Taylor	do	do	8th	"	68.
J Dyckman	do	do	9th	"	60.
R Clark	do	do	10th	"	76.
A Bleecker Clerk issueing Tavern Licenses 34 days					68.
J Wark Marshall attending at Mayors Office 14 "					17.50
S Stilwell Ground Rent for fire Engine No 19 1 year					20.
A Warner painting Engine No 9					16.
[73] Jas Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 26th Inst					187.50
H Abell	do	do			187.50
J Hedden	do	do			187.50
G B Rapelye Clerk Police		do			187.50
R Stephens Asst Clerk	do	do			200.
J Hays for Officers Convey. Persons to Penitentiary					31.
H Waterbury Work at Mud Machine 24 days					219.84
F Yeomans Acct filling Canal Street Basin					2500.
J Halsey Acct Building docks in Bulk head do					500.
Saml Wallace Acc Minetto Sewer					500.
L Moore balance award for property taken for Fulton Makt					294.41
T R Smith & Associates Commissionrs Fees Opening Lespinard St					243.
T Lovett Bal paving beach St fr Washing St to Bulkhead					261.50
P Debaun bal regulating Bleecker & Henry Sts fr McDougall					222.74
S Bloomfield Acct Bu[i]lding Sewer in Chapel St					400.
A H Mooney bal. paving Washing fr. Chamber to Warren					90. 4
R Stong. Asst Counsel in relation to Canal Sewer					100.
W Williams, removing Nuisances from Lispenard St					45.
E W Bridges Surveying Line of Broome St					4.
G Lovett balance filling Rosevelt Street Slip					749.13
J P Roome Superintendant of Repairs for repairs					500.
do	do	Fire Department			328.
do	do	Wharves Piers & Slips			248.
do	do	Lamps			200.

R Furman Superintendant Alms House.....	5000.
do do for 3d Avenue.....	1000.
[74] J Hays for Officers Extra Service Police 1 Qr to 26th Inst.....	109.58
Mechanics Bank Bond $6000. & Interest 5½ Months at 6 per Cent....	6165.
	25974.91
Balance	$27021.62

[75] Special Meeting In Common Council June 4 1821

Present The Honl Stephen Allen Mayor President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
John Bingham	Wm H Ireland
Robert McQueen	Benj Crane
Asa Mann	Chas Town
Isaac Emmons	Shivers Parker
Geo B Thorp	William Thorn
Judah Hammond	Henry Mead
	Francis Cooper

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had called this Special Meeting for the purpose of Complying with the provisions of the Late act of the Legislature entitled an Act to provide for the taking a Census and for other purposes. by appointing Persons in each Ward to take the Census directed by the said act.

[76] Upon the Motion of Alderman Emmons it was resolved, that One Person be appointed in each Ward, to take the Census of said Ward.

A Petition of James Lyons to be appointed one of the Persons to be employed to take the Census, was read and laid on the table

The Board then proceeded to appoint the Persons, when the following were Chosen

First Ward	Sixth Ward
Alexander Bleecker	John Coffin
Second Ward	Seventh Ward
Henry W Peckwell	Morris Oakley
Third Ward	[77] Eighth Ward
Abraham King	Arthur Burtis
Fourth Ward	Ninth Ward
William Benjamin	Joseph Spencer
Fifth Ward	Tenth Ward
Roger Strong	Samuel Loyd

Resolved that the subject of the Compensation to be allowed to the Persons employed in taking the Census, for their services be referred to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board

At the request of Mr Ireland, Alderman Gelston was placed on the Standing Committee on the Fire Department in his, Mr Irelands Stead,

Resolved that the 4th Section of the Law respecting the Census, be published in the Papers employed by the Board.

Resolved that the subject of the late Robberies in Pearl Street be referred to the Watch Committee, with a request that they would make particular [78] enquiries respecting the same; and learn whether the Watchmen, in that part of the City were vigilant and attentive to their duty at that time, and report the result of their enquiries to the Board.

It being stated that business of a Confidential nature, was to be laid before the Board, the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed

Resolved that the subject of the petition of the Collectors of Taxes for the delay of the collection of the city Taxes be referred to the finance committee with authority to act in the premises

The Doors were again Opened

A Petition of Isaac Brown for Lease of the Slip, at the foot of Marketfield Street was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Thomas Taylor to be permitted to Construct a vault in front of Lot No 90 Warren Street was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

[79] A Petition of John Hitchcock complaining of the irregularity in the width of the Side walks in Rose Street between Pearl and Duane Street, was referred to the Street Committee, with authority to give direction in the Premises

A Petition of H Bedlow and others praying that the owner of Lot 175 Harman Street, may be compelled to Pave the Street in front of his Lot, was referred to the Street Committee who accordingly reported thereon,

That the Street Commissioner should be directed to report an Ordinance, to carry into effect the request of the Petitioners.

Whereupon the Street Commissioner reported an ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed and Abr Baudoine Benjamin Prince & John Bedient were appointed assessors therein.

A Letter from Isaac Anderson, Captain of City Watch 1st dis-

trict. tendering a resignation of his office of Captain of the City Watch, was received and read

Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted

A Petition of John Stuart to be appointed [80] Captain of the City Watch in the place of Isaac Anderson resigned, was read and laid on the table

A petition of Peter Hall. and of Joseph C Wright for appointment to the Office of Foremen of the 1st District City Watch, was read and laid on the table

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the office of Captain of the City Watch in place of Captain Anderson resigned, when Nicholas Schureman was unanimously chosen,

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed, to correct a nuisance existing at Stevens wharf by a deficiency of Earth and also Nuisances at Corner of Broad and Water Streets and Corner of Pearl St—caused by Stagnant Water

Alderman Mann stated, that if it was in order he would agreeably to his notice at last meeting move to reconsider the Resolution directing his honor the Mayor to be Ex Officio *of* [a] Member of each standing [81] Committee; but the subject was postponed until the next meeting, it being understood that such motion was according to order to be made at the first Regular Meeting and not at a Special Meeting of the Board

Board Adjourned

[82] In Common Council. June 11. 1821

Present. The Honl S Allen Mayor. Pres

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Abraham Valentine
Thos S Townsend	Wm H Ireland
Maltby Gelston	Benj Crane
John Bingham	Charles Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons	Wm Thorn
George B Thorp	Francis Cooper
Judah Hammond	Gerard De Peyster
	Henry Mead

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved

A Petition of Garrit Gilbert late Register of Deeds for further compensation for making Index of the Public Records was read and referred to the Committee on Public offices

A Petition of Henry Fountain for [83] Appointment to Office of Street Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Nathaniel Deyo for appointment of a Weigher of Hay, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Several Inhabitants complaining of certain sunken Lots on Sheriff Street between DeLancy & Rivington Streets and One on Rivington Street, was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Representation from William Miller addressed to Peter Dimprey Esq, was presented and laid on the table,

A Petition of Aaron Woodruff for a Butchers Licence, and for Stall N° 9 Spring Street Market was referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant.

A Petition of Henry Fagan for stall N° 21 Fly Market, was referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant

A Petition of Daniel Rhoades for Butchers [84] Licence and for Stall N° 17 Fly Market

A Petition of Isaac Rhodes for a Butcher's Licence and for Stall N° 19 Fly Market and a Petition of William Boyce for a Butchers Licence and for Stall N° 15 Fly Market, were severally referred to the Market Committee, with authority to grant the Prayers of the Petitioners, who accordingly reported in favor of the Petitioners. which were approved and the Stalls granted to them.

A request was received from Jeremiah Thompson, stating that several Merchants and Ship Owners had formed an Association, for establishing a Telegraphic Communication for this Port and had established a Telegraph at Staten Island and they purpose hereafter to establish a corresponding One at the Battery, but for the Present they are desirous of only establishing an Answering Signal at the Flag Staff, for which permission is requested

Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places with authority to grant the request of the Petitioners.

[85] A Petition for a Well and Pump in Mott Street between Prince and Bleecker Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward, to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of the Trustees of the German Reformed Church, complaining of an assessment laid on a Lot belonging to them was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of sundry inhabitants, that a Lamp may be placed at each end of St Johns Alley, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Jane Perry for further time for payment of an Assessment, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Disbrow was received, stating that suits had been brought against him for defaults of the Street Contractor, which defaults had occurred since his transfer of the Street Contract to Charles Dobbs, and [86] Praying relief.

Was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William M Hitchcock Contractor for Street Manure, praying relief from Fines incurred by not removing the dirt from the Streets, which was rendered impossible by heavy rains—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants and owners of Lots, on Pearl Street, praying the *the* side walks may be Paved between Elm and Cross Streets.

Was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Francis Garcel was received stating that he had purchased under a Decree in Chancery a Lot corner of Bowery and De Lancy Street, That said Lot and the one adjoining he finds have been sold by the Corporation for non payment of Assessment, but that the time of redemption has not yet expired—That he is desirous of paying his proportion of the Assessment and praying that the same may be apportioned

[87] which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition that the name of Canal Street may be altered to Columbia Place was Refferred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from Proprietors of Lots on Rivington and Stanton Streets and those parts of Orchard Street and Allen Street North of Rivington Street against paving the side Walks and parts of the Streets above mentioned.

And a Petition from Sundry Owners and Inhabitants against paving the side walks of Rivington Street were received and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition, that the Lots on the easterly side of Cannon Street owned by Abraham Stagg and the Lots on the Northerly side of De-Lancy Street between Lewis and Cannon Streets may be filled up and regulated was received, and referred to the City Inspector

A Remonstrance from several Inhabitants and Owners, against paving the side [88] Walks of Allen Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jacob Barker, that a quantity of Mahogany, which he has purchased for Exportation may be permitted to remain a short time in the new made ground intended for South Street near Agnews

wharf, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 4th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition that Essex Street, may be regulated and paved from Broome to DeLancy Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the Proprietors of Lots near the Intersection of Grand and Wooster Streets, who had petitioned for a Sewer to be constructed through Grand Street from Thompson to Wooster Streets, objecting to the proposed plan of discharging the Water on the surface of Grand Street to Thompson Street, was read and Referred to the Canal Committee

[89] A Petition from Stephen Thorn Jr. for permission to construct a Vault in Broome Street. opposite N° 758 and a similar petition from Thomas S Townsend for a Vault opposite N° 85 Fulton Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms.

A Communication was received from the Attorney of the Corporation calling the attention of the Corporation to the late Law. for the observance of Sunday. That by the 11th Section the attorney is directed to pay over to Informers under that Law, the whole of the Penalty recovered, which will be attended with a very considerable expense to the Corporation, as the whole of his fees are paid by them, and recommending a consideration of the same to be referred to some Committee.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Communication was also received from him stating the Case of Lawrence Wiseborn a Butcher in the Washington Market who had been fined for offering [90] Stuffed Lamb for sale, who had paid one half of the Penalty and the Attorney recommended a remission of the remainder.

He also reported the case of Abrahm Riker a Cartman, who was complained against for obstructing the Street with his Cart.

Whereupon both Cases were referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Letter was received from Lt Col. Manley Commander of the 2d Regiment 1st Brigade N. Y. State Artillery stating that they are in possession of the Standard which was displayed at the first inauguration of George Washington, as President of the United States, that as every thing connected with that illustrious Citizen has a particular interest, they consider that standard as possessing a species of Sanctity and as worthy of being preserved to after times; that they consider the most proper place of Deposite would be in the hands of the Fathers

of our City, and the officers of that Regiment therefore and *and* as a further Testimony of the [91] high respect they bear the Corporation, they begged leave to present to them that standard. It was added that the Regiment would parade for that purpose in front of the City Hall on Monday the 25th Instant at 5 Oclock P. M.

Whereupon it was Resolved that the tender of said standard be accepted, and that the Clerk of the Common Council inform Col Manley thereof and that the Board will assemble to receive the same at the time proposed.

An Invitation from the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen to the Corporation to attend with them, at the laying of the Corner Stone of the Mechanics School and Apprentices Library, on Wednesday the 13th Instant at 5 Oclock. was read, and the Invitation accepted.

A Letter was received from John L Lawrence Esq. stating that Circumstances would prevent his attending as an Inspector of the First Ward at the ensuing Election for Delegates to the State Convention, and requesting to resign his appointment as Inspector, [92] was read, and the resignation Accepted Upon Motion Isaac Pierson was appointed Alderman Thorp also stated verbally that Jacobus Dyckman Esq, Inspector of the 9th Ward has requested him to tender his resignation,

He also added that Dirck TenBroeck another of the Inspectors of said Ward had left the City, and would not return in Season for the Election,

Whereupon the Board appointed Thomas Morris and John Doughty as Inspectors of the 9th Ward in their places.

An Anonimous Communication was presented which had been received through the Medium of the Post Office. Whereupon it was resolved that no such communication can be received

A Letter was presented by his honor the Mayor. which had been addressed to him by Jacob Rabineau Proprietor of the Floating Baths, in which the writer complained of the Indecent conduct of Persons. *of persons* bathing in the vicinity of the Bath, and [93] exposing their naked persons at all hours of the day. The Mayor stated he thought it proper while communicating this Letter, to mention that having directed some of the Officers of the Board to attend to the Complaint of Mr Rabineau, They had also reported to him that the persons within the Bath, who frequented it on Sundays were very noisy and he thought that, that also required the interference of the Board.

Whereupon the subject was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William Roque to be appointed Assistant to the Captain of the Watch of the first district, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas P*o*[u]lis to be appointed Captain of the Watch of the first district in the place of Nicholas Schureman, who petitioner understands is about to resign, was also referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas Walton formerly Captain of the City Watch, praying a reappointment in the place of M^r^ Schureman about resigning was also received.

A Letter from Nicholas Schureman [94] resigning his Office of Captain of the City Watch, and stating as his reasons for such resignation, the open hostility of the fireman M^r^ Stewart, and the refractory conduct of the Watchman, was read Whereupon resolved that his resignation be accepted, and that his communication be referred to the Watch Committee

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by M^r^ Schuremans resignation, when Thomas Walton was Elected

A Petition was received from a number of Inhabitants requesting that the Market at Spring Street may be removed, and that a new Market may be Erected at Canal Street Basin,

Was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition was received from Philip Milledollar stating—That upon the erection of Ward's bridge between his Farm in the 9^th^ Ward and Great Barn Island, he had obtained a Water grant from the Corporation for the [95] purpose of erecting a Dock that the bridge being destroyed the grant was of no use to him, and praying to be relieved from the quit Rent reserved.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition was received from L Seaman & Co Auctioneers, stating that with a view to carrying on the Auction business and relying on the Continuance of the Law, which then allowed them to sell articles in the Street, They had Leased property in Vesey Street and had been at Considerable expense in fitting up the same for their business—That by a late Law of the Corporation, they are interdicted from carrying on said Business and praying said Law may be repealed or amended.

A Communication was also received from the Attorney, stating that suits had been Commenced for the Infringement of the Auction Law, and recommending a speedy decision, upon the request of the Peti-

tioners Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee,

[96] His honor the Mayor stated that a representation had been made to him by Mr Longworth the Compiler of the New York Directory, stating that the late direction of the Board to cause the Houses of some Streets to be numbered anew would be extremely injurious to the Directory, and requesting it might be delayed.

Whereupon the subject was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from John Sidell. First Marshall—That the privilege of granting places, for the erection of Booths around the Park, on the 4th of July next may be granted to him,

Was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places, with authority to grant the request.

A Petition from James Boyle praying that further time may be allowed him, to compleat a Contract for filling up the Dock at the foot of Barclay Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

[97] The following Persons were appointed Fire Wardens and Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Warden for 1st Ward

Smith W. Anderson Merchant 144 Broad Way 1st Ward Vice Cornelius Heyer, time Expired

Fire Engine No 11

William M Smith Accountant. 29 Cortlandt St 3d Ward Vice John Gregory Jr resigned

Joseph Greenham Painter 84 Water Street 1st Ward Vice Wm Van Antwerp Resigned

No 14

Peter Van Keuren Accountant 167 Broadway 3d Ward Vice Alexander McKenzie Resigned

Tunis Burgh Clerk 201 Broad Way 3d Ward Vice Danl Duryee Expelled

No 15

Samuel Andrews Coach Maker 77 White St 6th Ward Vice John Addington time Expired

No 19

James Mackaul Shoe maker 27 Forsyth St 10th Ward Vice Nichs Bohne withdrawn

Abraham Martling Shoemaker, 100 Forsyth St 10th Ward Vice Jacob Van Pelt resigned

N° 21

Peter Nelso[n] Mechanic 74 Gold Street 4th Ward Vice Charles L Bocage Resigned

[98] N° 24

Alfred Ashfield Druggist William St 4th Ward Vice Michael T Shiers Resigned

N° 27

Abraham *Sherrid* [Sherwood] Stone Cutter 487 Greenwich 8th Ward Vice John Demarest Resigned

Abraham Van Buskirk Cartman 59 Chapel St 5th Ward Vice Wm Craft Resigned

Joseph Underhill Shoe Maker N° 41 Watt Street 8th Ward Vice John Ennis resigned.

Samuel Harrison Mason corner Hudson & Canal 8th Ward Vice David Moore Resigned

Daniel Duryea Carpenter 31 Watts Street 8th Ward Vice Jas Donaldson Resigned

N° 31

David Smith Shoe Maker 35 Rynder St 8th Ward Vice John Johnson time Expired

N° 36

Peter Roome Cartman Reason near Bedford. 8th Ward Ezekiel Boardman Resigned

N° 37

William Henshaw Grocer Mott corner Broom 8th Ward Vice Francis Ennis Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of the situation of Broad Street between [99] the Mouth of the Sewer and the River which was referred to the Street Committee

He also called the attention of the Board to a Communication from him of the 26th of June last stating that the sewers in Collect Canal and Chapel Streets required being cleansed and which was directed to be done under the direction of the Superintendant of Repairs and the Commissoners of the Alms House by the convicts in the Penitentiary; but had not been executed.

Whereupon the communication was referred to the Canal Committee.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on assessment for regulating and paving Hudson Street from Canal to Spring Street and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector to Collect the same

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Lombardy Street between Clinton & Walnut Streets, which was passed and Benj^{n} Prince Abraham Boudoine and John Bedient were appointed assessors.

Also an ordinance for paving side walks [100] in Forsyth Street and John Bedient, John Brower and Abraham Baudoine were appointed assessors

Also An Ordinance for Repaving Gold Street from Frankfort Street to Ferry Street and Alex^{r} Clark. Abr Bloodgood and John Targee were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an assessment for regulating Watts Street, between Sullivan and Varick Streets, and an assessment, for repaving a part of Harman Street and Chatham Square, which were confirmed and J G Betts appointed Colle[c]tor in the former and N Jarvis in the latter

The City Inspector reported that a nuisance existed on a Lot front of Dey Street. owned by the Heirs of Robert Fulton Deceased, which required immediate correction.

Whereupon the City Inspector was directed to cause the nuisance to be forthwith abated, and the expense thereof to remain a Lien on the property.

[101] He also reported the following ordinances. for the correction of Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances, Viz

No 1	A L Stewart	Owner	Watts St	A Lot
2	do	do	Broome St	do
3	J Bogert	do	Walker St	do
4	Wm Slam	do	Lombardy	do
5	T Barrow	Agent	Broome	do
6	do	do	Grand & Sullivan	do
7	WmMcKean	Owner	Watts	do
8	N George	Occupant	Walker	do
9	R Davis owner &	do	Anthony	do
10	M Raynor	Occupant	Bowery	do
11	W Jaques & Sons	Owners	Water	do
12	B Wade	Agent	Henry	do
13	Mrs Fisher	Owner	Mott	do
14	Ls Ford	Agent	do	do
15	Geo Ferris	do	do	do

16	P Schermerhorn	Owner	South	A Lot
17	S M Thompson	Agent	do	do
18	S Wood	Owner	Beekman	A Privy
19	J Poillon	Occupant	do	do
20	Mrs VanWagenen	do	Gold	do
21	J Grant	do	Pearl	do
22	Mrs Pratt	do	Leonard	do
23	[102] P Sloan	do	do	do
24	H McFarlane	do	Orange	do
25	F Damp	do	Chrystie	do
26	J Van Tassell	do	Greenwich	do
27	M King	do	Market	do
28	A Bradley	do	Lombardy	do
29	Mrs O'Connor	do	Banker	do
30	J Russell	do	Market	do
31	J McCartney	do	Chatham Lane	do
32	F Williams	do	Pell St	do
33	B Galloway	do	Oak	do
34	S Buckridge	do	do	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented draughts of Contracts for building the Market at Beekman Slip, with Gideon Tucker and Thomas J Woodruff and with Philetus H Woodruff, which he recommended should be referred to the building Committee for the purpose of being reconsidered and Corrected, which was approved and they were referred accordingly

The Comptroller presented *to* [an] account [103] of Michael Ulshoeffer Esq. Attorney of the Board from April 9 to the first Instant, which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Side Walks of Forsyth Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Job Bennet and Others, and likewise the Petition of Jacob Apley and others

Respectfully Report—That they have examined Forsyth Street, between Broome Street and Rivington Street, and find a number of new buildings put up, and the Side Walks laid with Brick, but a great number of the Side Walks considerably out of repair to the great inconvenience of those who reside the said Street, they are therefore of opinion that the Side Walks ought to be laid with brick or flagging, and offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have the

side walk in Forsyth between Broome and Rivington Streets laid with flagging or brick

[104] Francis Cooper
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann
Geo B Thorp

Which was approved, and the Street Commissioner reported an ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed

The same Committee, on the Petition for paving Gold Street reported:

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hugh McCormick and others

Respectfully Report—That they have carefully examined Gold Street, between Frankfort and Ferry Streets, and find it considerably out of repair and are of Opinion, that it ought to be repaved and therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorised to have Gold Street from Frankfort to Ferry Street repaved

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff

which was approved and the [105] Street Commissioner reported an ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The Same Committee to whom were referred, the Petition for widening Water Street and the Remonstrance, against filling in the Basin, between Catharine and Market Streets reported

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom the Petition of Henry S Brooks and others was referred, praying that Water Street between Catharine and Market Streets may be made of the intended width, with a remonstrance against the same

Respectfully report that they have examined the situation of said Street and after due consideration of all the circumstances of the case, are of opinion that the making out of the Street to its full width ought to be postponed—but that the present bulkhead ought to be repaired and the Street regulated.

They therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner, be instructed, to notify [106] the proprietors of the property on Water Street lying between

Catharine and Market Streets, to raise and repair the Bulkhead, and to regulate the Street

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Thos S Townsend
M Gelston

which was confirmed and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred to consider and report the Compensation to be allowed to persons employed to take the census reported.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of Compensation to be allowed for taking the Census report—that the same has been considered by them, and they also beg leave to suggest that they have likewise considered the subject of taking a Jury list and it seems to them, that one ought to be made, and submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Compensation for taking the Census in the first Ward be ninety dollars, 2d Ward Seventy five Dollars [107] 3rd Ward Seventy five Dollars. 4th Ward Ninety Dollars, 5th Ward One Hundred Dollars the 6th 7th 8th 9th and 10th Wards One Hundred dollars each

Resolved that a List of the Jurors in the City of New York, be taken by the same persons who take the census, and at the same time, and that the compensation for taking the same, be in the 1st Ward Thirty Dollars in the 2d Ward Twenty five Dollars 3rd Ward Twenty five Dollars. 4th Ward Thirty Dollars, and the other Wards Thirty three Dollars each, and that the Comptroller provide Books

J Hammond
Chas Town
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Francis Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John Poole reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Pool setting forth his age, infirmaties and [108] Embarrassments, and praying to be permitted to pay the assessment on his property for building the Sewer in Chapel Street, being upwards of One

Hundred Dollars, including Interest, by Instalments, and offering to pay forty dollars now, and requesting time to pay the balance, report the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector be instructed to receive the said Forty dollars on account of the said assessment, and interest due thereon, and to give a receipt for the same, as for so much on Account of such assessment and interest, and that time be given for the rest

respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
Chas Town
B Crane
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of William Civill reported.

[109] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Civil praying for a lease of the Cellar, under the Market in Duane Street for the purpose of Storing therein Hay in Bundles, and offering One Hundred Dollars per annum therefor.

Report that they think the sum offered a reasonable rent, and recommend the following resolution

Resolved that they prayer of the petitioner be granted for the term of Five Years at One Hundred Dollars per Year and that the Council be instructed to prepare the Leases.

Respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
Chas Town
B Crane
Francis Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee to whom was referred to fix the Compensation to be paid by the Butchers for the Leases of their respective Stalls reported

[110] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Lease of the Butchers Stalls, in order to fix the Price thereof recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the price to be paid by the Butchers, for the respective leases of their Stalls, be fifty Cents

Respectfully submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
Chas Town
B Crane
Francis Cooper

which was approved.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the Letter of the Comptroller of the State on the subject of Interest claimed on arrearages of Taxes reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Letter from the Comptroller of the State upon the subject of the balance claimed from the Corporation for Interest

Report—That they are of opinion that the proposition of the Comptroller to submit the question in [111] Controvercy to the Supreme Court, upon a case to be made containing the facts." is reasonable and ought to be acceeded to.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board be authorised to acceed to the arrangement proposed by the Comptroller and to adopt all such measures as may be necessary to have the question settled in as Amicable and speedy a manner as possible

Respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Francis Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of John Miller reported

The Committee of Charity, to whom was referred the petition of John Miller one of the City Watch, praying for something to support his Family; and stating that some months since, when on duty [112] as the door keeper to the 2nd District Watch, he was ordered by the Captain thereof to put a prisioner in one of the cells, that when fastening the Door the prisioner forced a stick through the hole in the

said Door with such violence as to put out one of his Eyes. he also further states he has been under the Doctors hands ever since, and has a Wife and four small Children to support and is extremely poor.

Report—That they believe the above statement to be true, and in their opinion think him entitled to some assistance, they propose the following relief,—That he receive the pay of a Watchman during the time he was confined by the loss of his Eye, which appears to be Seven and a Half Months.

Resolved that the Comptroller prepare a Warrant by the next meeting of the Board in favor of John Miller for Seventy Eight $^{75}/_{100}$ Dollars, as seven and a half Months pay, as a Watchman

Respectfully submitted

[113] Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was refered the Communication of Josiah Hedden Esq. respecting the case of William F Piatt reported

The Committee of Charity to whom the Communication of Josiah Hedden Esq one of the Police Justices was refered, respecting the case of William F Piatt, who became bail with a Mrs Veeder, for the good behavior of One Jeremiah Totten, in a case of assault and battery. a violation of the condition of the Recognizance having taken place, and by the assistance of Piatt, Mrs Veeder was compelled to pay One Hundred Dollars, and as Piatt was taken more as an inducement for the keeping of the Peace, than to exact the penalty He would recommend whether it would not be more expedient, to grant said Piatt relief—he is poor and unable to pay should a suit *a suit* be commenced against him.

[114] Report—That from the statement of Mr Hedden, and the certificates of his poverty by several persons, they would recommend that he be discharged from the penality on payment of Cost, they offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board discharge William F Piatt from the above penalty on payment of Cost

Respectfully submitted

Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the petition of Eliza Cuming reported

The Committee of Charity to whom the petition of Eliza Cuming was refered, with power, Stating her Husband Patrick Cuming has been confined since the 9th of May last, in the City prison for a fine of Fifteen Dollars and costs imposed by the Police Magistrates for wilfully [115] breaking and defacing the stoop of Thomas Barber in Collect Street in the Sixth Ward

Report. That they have directed the Police Justices to discharge the said Cuming from so much of the penalty as the Corporation was entitled to

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland

which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred, a petition of the Sweep Masters reported a Law entitled a Law to amend the Law respecting Chimney Sweepers " which was passed and directed to be published in the Papers employed by the board.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Richard Riker reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Riker, representing that he had through an error, been assessed for a personal Tax, in the Second Ward, and also in the Ninth Ward, of this City. That he has paid his [116] Tax of Fifty Dollars, in the Second Ward, and asks to be relieved from the erronious Tax in the Ninth

Report—That they have had the petitioners case under examination, and are decidedly of Opinion that his request ought to be granted, and for that purpose, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved—That the Collector of the Ninth Ward, be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on the Personal property of Richard Riker for the year 1820, and that he return the same in the list of Errors and Insolvencies of said Ward.

Charles Town
William Thorn
John Bingham
Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Mr Crane presented a resolution, directing the Ordinance relative to laying a Stone Drain in Oak. James and Batavia Streets, to be carried into effect, which was referred to the Canal Committee.

[117] A Resolution was presented, for the appointment of a Committee, to make arrangements for the Celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence, which was adopted, and the Mayor appointed the following as the Committee Mr Town Crane Parker Alderman Gelston Townsend

A Resolution, that the Iron fence now erecting on Broadway be so extended as to connect it with that already erected, and that the Engine House on Broadway be removed, was presented, and referred to the Finance Committee

A Resolution to appoint a committee to take into consideration the propriety of immediately commencing the contemplated improvement at the Battery, was referred to the Finance Committee

Alderman Mann Agreeably to notice moved to reconsider the vote on the resolution appointing the Mayor ex Officio, a member of the standing, Committees, the Motion was [118] agreed to—The Recorder then presented the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved. that his Honor the Mayor be a member of all standing Committees; Provided always, that it shall not be necessary for him to sign any report, and the majority of the members of any such Committee exclusive of the Mayor, shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.

Mr Valentine chairman of the Committee, on Public Lands and Places, stated that the Committee had a proposal before them in erecting the Iron rail fence, on the East Side of the Park to extend the line a few feet further into the Street, than the line of the present fence, but previous to taking any steps, they wished the direction of the Board on the subject. Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to report, as to the authority of the Board to encroach upon the Street

[119] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury May 28					27021.62
		40 Accounts Audited.			
Henry Leek	Watch 1st District				981.75
Hibberd & Clark	do 2d do				645.75
Bleakly & Brower	do 3d do				414.75
S Allen Esq Mayor		1 Qr	Salary to 12th Inst		750.
J McComb Street Comr		do	" 1st		375.
G Cuming Street Insp		do	"		200.
A Brevoort Inspector of Bread		do	"	balance	73.
P Becanon	do	do	"	"	71.60
J Varick	do	do	"	"	71.41
C Gilman Keeper of Battery		1 Month	"		34.87
A McCready	do Park	do	"		34.87
D H Magee	do Potters Field	do	"		38.75

O Edwards drawing Laws &c	166.50
F Barron preparing Index to the Laws	27.
J A Burtus Index Book for registers office	49.50
Dobbs & Furman Removing Snow from Sundry Mark[et]s	31.75
M Magee. posting bill for Street Commis[r]	21.
R Bogardus Cost in Suit of Chamberlain & S L Kip	91.81
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Q[r] Salary 2[d] Inst	500.
do do pay to Witnesses	10.
G B Raymond for officers, conveying Prisoners to Prison	107.50
B Crane Stationary for Public offices 7 Mo	309.42
N Comstock 13 Casks Oil	995.15
[120] G Snethen Superint[g] Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1[st] Inst	681.86
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 do	130.98
T Franklin for 52 feet french flax Hose	28.41
H Waterbury working at mud machine 12 days	95.46
R Pettigrew balance for a well Eldridge St	57.12
do Acct do First St	51.66
do bal do Watts St	28.55
H Smith, bal regulating & curb[g] Grand s[t] from Forsyth to Suffolk	784. 9
T Lovett Acct paving Grand Street from Arundle Street to East river	500.
C Mooney Acct paving side walks Canal St	300.
S Bloomfield Acct Sewer Chapel St	300.
H Smith bal paving Elm St from White. to Howard	287.46
C Mooney Acct pav[g] Sullivan St	150.
A H Mooney, laying side walks Chatham St and Tryon Row	31.60
J Brown[er] & Associates assessing Sundry Streets	204.
J Bailey balance paving side Walks in Bowery	86.43
R Ayres—filling at foot of Fulton St	22.
	9741.
Balance	$17280.62

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight

[121] In Common Council June 25. 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Abr Valentine
Thos S Townsend	Wm H Ireland
Maltby Gelsten	Benj Crane
John P Anthony	Chas Town
John Bingham	Shivers Parker
Robt McQueen	Wm Thorn
Asa Mann	Francis Cooper
Isaac Emmons	Gerard De Peyster
Geo B Thorp	Henry Mead
Judah Hammond	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Remonstrance against filling up and regulating Mulberry Street, between Prince and Bleecker Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Further Petition was received from [122] William Cunningham praying a reconsideration of his former petition, presented in March last, and upon which the finance Committee reported respecting the quit Rent reserved on his Lot (Water Lot at Brooklyn, and that a further allowance may be m[a]de to him, than that reported by said Committee—which being read was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump, near the intersection of Grand and Allen Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor, and

A Petition that the present well in Banker Street, between Pike & Rutgers Streets, may be filled up and a new one sunk, was also referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition from P Schermerhorn and others, that a Pier may be [123] run Out fronting Crane wharf Street, was Referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition from Thomas Pringle, complaining of an undue Assessment of Tax, on his property in Ninth Ward, and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Hezekiah B Pierpont was received, stating that on the 4th December 1804, he obtained from the Corporation a Water Lot Grant in front of his Property on Long Island and for which he has paid the Quit Rent until this time, that he has not improved the same by docking out, finding the same unnecessary and will not probably for some time to come, That the said Grant is therefore wholly unproductive to him, and praying to be relieved from further payment of rent, until he shall improve the same—which being read, Was Referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Eliza Jobe, to be relieved from a Tax assessed, upon her in the [124] 5th Ward, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Daniel Berdan, to be permitted to construct a vault on south side of Broome Street, of Samuel Leggett for a Vault at Franklin Square. and of Edmund Seaman to build vaults in front of his two Houses, and stable in Beaver Lane were severally referred to the A[l]derman and Assistant and the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Alexander Peacock, for one of the vacant Stalls in Fly Market, was referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Abraham Lawrence to be appointed a City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Philip Bowerhan to be relieved from a fine incurred by selling meat in Stanton Street, and not in the regular Market. Was referred to the Police Committee, with authority to remit the Penalty.

[125] A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants for the removal of Spring Street Market and for the establishment of a market at the foot of Canal Street. And a remonstrance for a number of Owners and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Spring Street, against the adoption of said measure were read, and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Samuel G Colles for the appointment of Inspector of Lumber, was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of Lewis and Joseph Webb was received, stating that they have expended large sums in improving the Water Grants taken out by them, That the Corporation by carrying a Public Sewer through Clarkson Street, have greatly damaged their property, and praying to be permitted to surrender their Grant and to be compensated for the expenses incurred by them in their improvements, or that they may be exonerated from the payment of quit rent. which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from a number [126] of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Catholic Cathedral, compla[in]ing of the situation of the ground in that neighborhood, requiring in their opinion to be filled up, and requesting a committee might be appointed to examine the same, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Amory was received stating, that he is owner of two 5 acre Lots in fee and two on Lease, on the Commons fronting the 5th Avenue, and that he is desirous of purchasing, or exchanging the two leased Lots, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Stanley for relief from a fine incurred, by taking Earth from the Public Highway, and for which he is now imprisoned, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Smith complaining of the Fence, belonging to the church of the Reverend Mr Mitchell, in Augustus Street, as encroaching on the Street, [127] was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing at Kips Bay, and the vicinity

praying that Thirty fourth Street, be opened from the 2nd to the 3rd Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee,

A Petition from the Inspectors of Fire Wood at Coenties Slip, praying that the Inspection District, may be enlarged by adding thereto the space between Coenties Slip, and the Battery, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants residing in Cedar Street, complaining of the alley opening into Cedar Street, and communicating with Lots on Broad Way, and praying that the Owners of said alley may be Compelled to shut it up, by a close fence or gate, and to keep the same clean, which was referred to the Street Commissioner, to give the relief required.

A Petition of Isaac Noble to be relieved from a fine incurred by not [128] removing from the Street, a Dead Dog said to belong to Petitioner was read and referred to the Committee on Charity

Alderman Hammond Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that application had been made to him by E & J Wilson for the Lease of the Block of ground between West Street and Washington Street, and Charlton and King Streets and he introduced a resolution to that effect, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Motion to give power to the Committee was negatived

On Motion of the Recorder the subject was reconsidered, and a Resolution to Lease One Half of the Block, and to refer it to the Finance Committee, with authority was agreed to.

It was afterwards agreed to refer the Leasing of the whole to the Finance Committee with authority.

[129] A Communication was received from Benj^{n} Prince Public Administrator, on the subject of the Intestate Estate of William Jones upon which he had administered and to which a Nuncupation will had been set up by one Mercy Hudzletion—That the cause had been submitted to the Surrogate, who had decided that the said will was not entitled to administration from which an appeal had been made to the Judge of Probates who had reversed the decision of the Surrogate

The Public administrator therefore as an officer of the City and Corporation, requested the advice of the board, whether an appeal should be made from the Judgement of the Judge of Probates.

Whereupon it was referred to the counsel, to give to the Public Administrator such advice as he should judge correct and legal in the premises

A Letter was received from the Rev^{d} John Stanford, on the subject

of establishing an asylum for Vagrant Youth, which was referred to his Honor the Mayor and the Commissioners of the Alms-House

[130] A Petition of James Lowerre Lessee of Slip or Basin at foot of Canal Street was received, stating—That said Slip having been filled in by order of the Common Council and a small portion left in Possession of Petitioner, he requested an apportionment might be made of the rent now to be paid by him, for the part in his possession, which being read, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Report was received from the keeper of the Bridewell, of the Persons confined therein, which was directed to be filed,

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

Isaac Underhill Livery Stable Keeper 33 Cherry St 4th Ward Vice George Cheesman resigned

Edward Copland Grocer 20 Chatham St 6th Ward Vice Jas Ransom resigned

Bradly S Higgins Fish Monger 15 Augustus St 6th Ward Vice Alexander Fowler Left the City

[131] Fire Engine Company N° 20

Rufus Billings, Painter 75 Cortlandt Street 3rd Ward Vice William A Ackerman Expelled

N° 21

David Funk Mechanic 45 Cherry St 4th Ward Vice Talmon Bedient Resigned

Joseph Crosthwaite Clerk 47 Christie St, 10th Ward Vice Walter Nexsen Time Expired.

Edward A Valentine Clerk 45 Broad Street 1st Ward Vice Wm B Furguson Resigned

N° 33

John Lowder Carpenter Grand Street 10th Ward Vice David Brower at sea

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for Regulating Lombardy Street from Clinton to Walnut Streets, which was confirmed and John G Betts, appointed Collector. and for a Well and Pump in First Street near the Bowery, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Harman Street between Pike and Rutgers Street, which was passed, and John

Targee, James Bleecker and David Board were appointed [132] Assessors therein

He also presented the following communication

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents to the Common Council, that the new made Ground at the foot of Roosevelt Street, has now become so well settled, that in his opinion, the pavement in Roosevelt Street, ought to be extended to the bulkhead—in order to carry the Water on the surface to the River, and that so much of Front Street be raised and repaved as may be necessary, to make it conform to the Regulation of Roosevelt Street

Should the above meet the approbation of the Board, an ordinance is enclosed for the purpose

which is respectfully submitted

John McComb Strt Com

which was approved, and the ordinance agreeably thereto was passed appointing Abraham Boudoine John Brower and John Bedient Assessors therein.

[133] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No 1	B Winthrop	Owner	Stanton St	A Lot
2	A Classon	do	Sherriff	do
3	Jno F Delaplaine	do	do	do
4	Jno Conrey	Agent	Canal	do
5	P Acker	do	Broome	do
6	Jas Renwick	do	Renwick	do
7	J McCready	do	do	do
8	Ls Hartman	do	do	do
9	Wm Henderson	do	Broome	do
10	Abr Lent	Owner	do	do
11	Chs W Sandford	do	do	do
12	Jno Archer	do	do	do
13	S Collister	Agent	Renwick	do
14	Jno Tice	Lessee	Rivington	do
15	P Ogilvie	Owner	Willet	do
16	M Minthorn	do	Rynders	do
17	Jno Slidell	do	Grand	do
18	Jno Charles	do	Orange	do
19	Rt Patterson	do	Laight	do
20	Wm A Hardenbrook	do	Allen	do
21	Thos Knox	Agent	Ludlow	do
22	*Shape* [Sharp] Taylor	Owner	Grand	do
23	[134] P G Stuyvesant	do	Ludlow St	do

fully with the order of the Corporation that certain Water Lots formerly belonging to Peter *R*[P] Van Zandt deceased should be filled up " by reason that the proprietors of the adjoining Lots have neglected to build and construct the necessary bulkheads, and fill up the said Lots on their parts;

These Lots were granted by the Corporation to William Rhinelander in the year 1806. At the time the grant issued M^r^ Rhinelander was laid under covena[n]ts to make one half of the Streets, on each side of the premises granted him and also to make a good and sufficient firm wharf or street of thirty five feet in breadth along the westerly end of the said premises the whole breadth thereof [144] (the same being one half of West Street) in such manner as shall be directed by the Corporation. As the Corporation has directed the whole of West Street to be made in front of M^r^ Rhinelanders Lots, it is for his Interest as well as for the Interest of the Corporation, that the whole should be made at one time, as thereby the expense of making more than One Bulkhead will be saved, and M^r^ Rhinelander will also be saved the expense of making the bulkhead, around the intersections of said streets. The Committee therefore recommend that provided M^r^ Rhinelander will Covenant to pay as much towards making the Bulk-head on the westerly side of West Street, as it will cost to build a Bulkhead in front of that part of said street which he has covenanted to make, and will also Covenant to pay the expense of filling in that part of West Street which he has Covenanted to make, that then he shall be released from complying with the terms of his Covenants, so far as [145] relates to making one half of said street, otherwise that the Street Commissioner be instructed to serve an Ordinance upon him requiring him to make on or before the 10^th^ day of October next a good, and sufficient firm wharf or street thirty five feet in breadth along the westerly end of the said premises the whole breadth thereof in the manner specified in the grant to him.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution to wit

Resolved that this Board do approve of the foregoing report and that the Street Commissioner be authorised and instructed to carry the same into effect

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Tho^s^ S Townsend

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Same Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Boyle reported,

[146] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of James Boyle, begs leave to report—That they have had his case under Consideration and are of the opinion that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted—as he asks four Weeks to compleat filling up the Dock at the foot of Barclay Street. but that no further time may be expected to be given, therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved the *the* Prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Thos S Townsend

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving Essex Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David Ludlum and others, respectfully report

[147] That they have duly considered the propriety of regulating and paving Essex Street from Broome to Delancy Street, finding a small number of signatures and but three who are owners of Property in the said street, they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Fras Cooper
Asa Mann
Hen[r]y J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom had been referred the petition for paving Side Walks in Pearl Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. O Whitehead and others respectfully report.

That they find the side walks in Pearl Street from Cross to Elm Streets all laid with brick or flagging excepting [148] about one hundred feet, and therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have about

One Hundred feet of the side walk in Pearl Street between Cross and elm Street laid with brick or flagging

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee, on Petition for paving Side Walks in Rivington Street Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Marshall and others, and the remonstrance of John R Livingston and others,

respectfully report, that they have visited Rivington Street, and made [149] particular enquiry respecting the petitioners, and find the greater part of them to be yearly Tenants, and others not residing or owning property in the said Street, and the remonstrance signed by a number of persons owners of property in the said street; having taken these Circumstances into consideration the Committee are decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution

Resolved that, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Leonard Seaman & Co Auctioneers reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of L Seaman & Co respectfully report,

That they have duly considered [150] the request made by the memorialists, and find that in Eighteen Hundred and fifteen the Street Commissioner reported in favour, but the Common Council decided against him, and he having continued to sell in front of his Store in Violation of an Ordinance of the Corporation, as appears by the penalty incurred by him, from a report of the Attorney of the Board. they are therefore of opinion that the p[r]ayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Watch Committee, on the Petition of John Ball reported

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ball [*] Complaining that he had been discharged as one of the City Watch, in consequence of having exerted himself at the last Election for charter Officers, to prevent the election of Alderman Mann—and praying to be reinstated

Report—That they have given the petitioners Case a careful examination, and are of opinion that he has totally failed in establishing, that he was discharged in consequence of his Conduct at the Election, on the contrary, it was satisfactorily proved to your Committee, that he was discharged for disobeying orders given by the Captain of the Watch, and for endeavoring to create uneasiness among his fellow watchmen, by asserting, what he knew, was not the fact—Under all the Circumstances of the case, your committee are decidedly of opinion that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved—That the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted, and that he has leave to withdraw his Petition

John Bingham
Fras Cooper
Chas Town

[152] which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Same Committee on the resolution of the Board to enquire respecting the late robberies, reported

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of the 4th instant, requesting them to make particular enquiries respecting the late Robberies in Pearl Street, and endeavor to learn whether the Watchmen in that part of the City were vigilant, and attentive to their duty at that time

Report—That they have had the Captains and Watchmen of that District before them, and although the Committee, do not attach any particular Censure, and have not found any particular acts of remiss-

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

ness in the faithful discharge of the Watchmens duties at the time the said Robberies were committed, still the[y] strongly recommend and insist upon an increased vigilance, and a strict attention to all their duties from the Captains [153] and Watchmen of that particular District—and would strictly enjoin the same vigilance and attention to duty upon the several Captains, and Watchmen of all the other districts. And to Convey the sentiments of the Board more fully, and the objects of this Report, they recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved. That Copies of the preceding report be furnished to each of the Captains of the several Watch Districts

Asa Mann
Francis Cooper
John Bingham
Chas Town
Abr Valentine

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of Aaron Van Voorhees reported

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of Aaron Van Vorres, stating that he had by mistake, been assessed, One Thousand Dollars [154] Personal property in the 9th Ward, and praying that the same may be reduced to what should be found just and equitable.

Report. That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion (from the statement made by the petitioner, together with the Certificate of the assessors of the 9th Ward.) that he is entitled to relief, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved—That the Collector of the 9th Ward be instructed to receive from Aaron Van Vorres, the Tax on Two Hundred and fifty Dollars, in full for Personal Tax for the year 1820. and that he return the balance in the list of errors and insolvencies of said Ward.

Chas Town Ch
Jno P Anthony
Wm Thorn
John Bingham

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition [155] of the Trustees of the German Reformed Church reported.

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the German Reformed Church, praying to be relieved in part, from what the[y] Conceive an excessive Assessment on the House and Lot No 32 Nassau Street.

Report. That on an examination of this case, they are fully satisfied from the Certificate of the Assessors, that an error was made, in the valuation of the property above mentioned—That instead of $9000, it ought to have been put down $900. Your Committee are of Opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and for that purpose, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved. That the Collector of the 2nd Ward be instructed to receive from the Trustees of the German Reformed Church 45^{0}/_{00}$ in full for Tax, for the year 1820, on House and Lot N° 32 Nassau Street in lieu of $45, and that he return the balance in the list of errors and insolvencies of Said Ward

[156] which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of James Farquhar reported

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Farquhar, representing an error or mistake in the amount of Tax paid by him in the 9th Ward for the year 1820. Report. That it appears from an examination of the collectors Book that the petitioner is assessed on real estate and Personal Property $28.000, which has been calculated at 51 Cents on a Hundred Dollars, for City and State Tax, the ratio for that part of the 9th Ward within the Lamp District; making $142.80. whereas he should have paid only 34 Cents on the hundred Dollars. the rate affixed on that part of the Ward north of the line aforesaid, amounting to $95.20, which makes a difference of $47.60

The following resolution is accordingly recommended,

Resolved, That the Collector of [157] the Ninth Ward be authorised, and instructed, to pay Mr Farquhar Forty Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents, and charge the same in his return for errors and insolvents

The Committee have reason to believe that errors have arisen in former years, from the Assessors of the 9th Ward not having Seperated the Columns of property North and South of the line dividing the Lamp District, so particularly as it should be; to remedy this inconvenience, they would propose the following resolution

Resolved that the assessors of the 9th Ward be instructed to place

in the Collectors Book, all the property personal and real to the southward of the line aforesaid together in columns seperated from that North of the line, leaving at least one vacant page between the same

Chas Town Chn
Jno P Anthony
Wm Thorn
John Bingham

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[158] The Committee on Public Officers to whom had been referred a communication from the attorney of the Board reported

The Committee on Public Officers to whom was referred a Communication from the Attorney of the Board

Report—That they have carefully examined the same, and are of Opinion, that in most cases, it would be well to continue the discretion given to the attorney in and by a Resolution of the Board passed May 31st 1819. Relative to the commencement or the discontinuance of Suits, without a reference to the Board, inasmuch as it would relieve the minds of Citizens and Strangers, who are not unfrequently innocent tresspassers.

Your Committee have also had, under consideration a Resolution passed the 12th of April 1819 by which it appears, the attorney has been entitled to $2.5\%_{00}$ in all Cases where the penalty did not exceed $15, and in all cases above $15. Five Dollars—Your Committee [159] Can see no good reason for the difference, as it appears the attorneys costs are exacted as well before as after Suits

They would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved—That the Attorney exercise his own discretion, in commencing or discontinuing any Suit or Suits, where the penalty does not exceed $25, and on all Suits beyond that sum, *at* [it] shall be the duty of the Attorney to report the same to the Board, before the discontinuing of them

Resolved that the Attorney be entitled to receive $25\%_{00}$ for noticing breaches of the Ordinances before the commencement of a suit, where the penalty is $5. or upwards; and under that sum one half the penalty, to be paid out of any monies in his hands, that may have accrued from Violations,

And in Cases where it is necessary that a suit should be brought, he shall be entitled to $25\%_{00}$ in addition for Services in defending

the same, provided the penalty be sufficient to defray the expense but not otherwise

[160] Respectfully submitted

By the Committee
B Crane Ch[n]
Abr Valentine
William Thorn
Tho[s] Cooper
Henry Mead

which was approved and the resolutions adopted.

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution desiring the allowance to measurers of Lumber of a fee of $^{25}/_{100}$ for every Thousand feet Board Measure of Lumber, Inspected by them (except Mahogany and Cherry) which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

Resolved that the Inspectors of Lumber and the Measurers of Grain appointed by this Corporation report their names and places of residence to the clerk of the Common Council, on or before the first of August next, and that those who shall neglect to make said report be considered as resigning their offices.

[161] Resolved that the Dog Law and the Hog Law, be carried into full operation against the offenders.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorised to affix the Common Council Seal to the additional returns of the certiorari in the case of Herman Le Roy and others against the Corporation during the recess of the Board

Ordered that the Law entitled a law for the paym[t] of the officers of the corporation Chapter 59 be amended by striking out in the Section the words $400 and inserting 800 Dollars

The Board took into consideration the several Laws which had been revised, and proceeded to reenact the following Laws

1 A Law relative to Suits. Fines, and Penalties

2 A Law for the due observance of the first day of the Week called sunday

3 A Law to prevent the disorderly assemblage of Persons.

4 A Law to prevent gambling in Public Places in the City of New York

5 [162] A Law to prevent Masquerades in the City of New York

6. A Law to prevent swimming and Bathing, at improper times and places and for other purposes

7 A Law to regulate the Driving of Horses and Carriages

8 A Law prescribing the duties of the City Inspector

9 A Law for the establishment of the Board of Health

10 A Law to prevent Nuisances, and to provide for the security of the Public Health.

11 A Law respecting Bills of Mortality

12 A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate the Paving and Keeping in Repair, and to prevent obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York

13 A Law to regulate the Compensation of Assessors

14 A Law to regulate Surveyors.

15 A Law prescribing the duties of the Comptroller and Chamberlain

16 A Law directing the mode of collecting certain Revenues and for other purposes

17 A Law to regulate the sale of Firewood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof, and for the Division of the City into Inspection Districts

18 [163] A Law relative to the Public Seals of the City of New York

19 A Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York

20 A Law relative to Persons licensed by the Mayor to retail Spritous Liquors

21 A Law to regulate the Fees of Weighmasters and Measurers

22 A Law to regulate the sale of Certain Wares

23 A Law directing reports from Measurers, Weigh Masters and Inspectors.

24 A Law for establishing the assize, and for regulating the Inspection of Bread.

25 A Law relative to Awnings in the Streets

26 A Law to regulate the Inspection, Sale and Cartage of Lime

27 A Law to regulate the Measure and sale of Coal

28 A Law to regulate the sale of Horses, and to prevent their running loose, and racing

29 A Law to prevent obstructions in the Rivers

30 A Law to regulate the Sale, Cartage, and Inspection of Manure exported from the City of New York and for other purposes.

31 A Law to Compensate the Aldermen for attending the General Sessions of the Peace

32. [164] A Law making provision for the redemption of the New York City Stock

33. A Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires

34 A Law to regulate *to* [the] City Watch

35 A Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell, and for the appointment of a Keeper thereof.

36 A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages

37. A Law to regulate the Landing and Sale of Hay in the City of New York

38 A Law concerning Dogs

39 A Law to prevent the Ringing and Tolling of Bells for funerals

40. A Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York

41 A Law to regulate Carts and Carmen in the City of New York

42 A Law to regulate the removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets in the City of New York

43 A Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips, and to establish the rates of Wharfage

44 A Law to regulate the Digging of Vaults, and the Construction of Cisterns in the Streets and for other purposes

45 [165] A Law to prevent the firing of Guns, and discharge of Rockets, Squibs, Crackers, and other Fire Works, and for other purposes.

46 A Law relative to the Park, Battery, and Bowling Green

47 A Law for the removal of Snow and Ice from the Side Walks and Gutters

48 A Law to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchand[i]ze

49 A Law to prevent Fraud in the sale of Vegetables

50 A Law to License and regulate Chimney Sweepers

51 A Law to prevent the Blowing of Horns, and other Instruments

52 A Law to regulate Pawnbrokers and Dealers in the purchases, and sale of second Hand Furniture, Metals or Cloaths

53 A Law to regulate the Public Markets.

54 A Law for the Government of the Alms House

55 A Law for the goverment of the Penitentiary and other purposes

56 A Law to prevent the exposure of Certain Hand Bills

57 A Law to regulate surveyors and Buildings

58 A Law to prevent Damages to Pumps

59 [166] A Law regulating the Fees, on Making Distress for rent

60 A Law to regulate partition Fences and Walls

61 A Law regulating the sale of Certain Fish

62 A Law to prevent sifting of Lime in the Streets

63 A Law for the appointment of an Overseer of the Public Roads and highways, and of a Road Committee

64 A Law relative to Drains and Sewers

65 A Law to establish the Salaries of the Mayor and Recorder

66 A Law respecting Weights and Measures

67 A Law to prevent Swine from running at large

68 A Law to regulate the Collectors of Assessments

69 A Law regulating the Salaries and Compensation of the Officers of the Corporation of the City of New York

Resolved, that the Printed book of Laws printed under the authority of this Corporation, by George L Birch entitled 'Laws and Ordinances, Ordained and [167] established by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened during the Mayoralties of Cadwallader D. Colden, and of Stephen Allen Esq[rs]—New York, Printed by G L Birch 1821 be and the same is hereby made and Constituted the Book of Laws and Ordinances of the Corporation of the City of New York and that the Clerk of the Common Council do authenticate the same by affixing thereto the Common Seal of the City

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 11[th] Inst	17280.62
Received for Tax 2[d] 3. 4. 5. 6. 7 8. 10 Wards	24570.
" Rents	11015.70
" Tavern Licenses	7921.20
" Streets	6090.70
" Ju[s]tices Courts	715.55
" Fulton Market Ground	531.
" Mayoralty Fees	287.25
" Arrears of Tax	156. 7
" Fines of Sherriff from Court of Gen Ses	151. 6
" Wells & Pumps	51.72
[168] Rec[d] for Commutation Alien Passengers	40.
" Interest	15.
" Penalties of late Attorney	7.57
	$72.932.94

32 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st Dist	981.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3rd "	414.75
J Miller Watchman 7½ Months pay ordered 11 Inst	78.75
Jas McKeen Examing Accounts *of J Cooks* [& books] of late Collector* Arrears of Tax	20.
G L Birch & Co Printing Laws &c	274.92
Editor Evening Post Advertising Arrears of Tax, Subscription &c	237. 6
J Pierson & Inspectors Election 1st Ward June	52.
E Williams & do " 2d do	52.
J C Hamilton & do " 3 "	52.
A Bloodgood do " 4 "	52.
J D Westervelt do " 5 "	52.
R L Walker do " 6 "	52.
A Dally do " 7 "	52.
S M Thompson do " 8 "	52.
T Miller do " 9 "	52.
R Clark do " 10 "	52.
[169] H Maxwell Dist Atty 1 Qr Salary 16th Inst	750.
B Skaats Crier of Court of Sessions 1 do 2 "	25.
J Richardson attg Mayors Court as Marshall 1 Qr 1st May	44.25
G Snethen Supers & Lighting Lamps 1 Mo	650.78
N Comstock 12 Casks Oil	575.36
H Waterbury Workg Mud Machine 12 dy to 20	131.77
J Sutphen Paintg Engine No 4	16.
M Dodd, Bal building drain Canal St	650.
H & W Cochrane Acct paving Hudson St from Canal to Spring	200.
H Weeks, bale on Collect Street Sewer	31.18
W B Crosby Executor Estate M McCrea, Award Harman Stret	28.
H Voorhes 1st Inst Well Augustus St	29.75
J P Roome Sup Repairs for repairs Docks & Slips	1988.61
do do for repairs	840.
Mechanics Bank for 9 Bonds & Int	62912.
	$72046.45
Balance	886.49

Board Adjourned

* Thomas W. Gilbert is the Collector to whom reference is made.—ED.

[170] In Common Council July 9 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Abr. Valentine
Thos S Townsend	Wm H Ireland
John P Anthony	Benj Crane
John Bingham	Chas Town
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	William Thorn
Isaac Emmons	Francis Cooper
George B Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Judah Hammond	Henry Mead

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Approved

A Petition from the Trustees of Columbia College, was received, stating that by a Release to the Corporation of grounds for opening Murray Street, they are bound to have the side Walks of Murray Street [paved] [171] with good and Sufficient Flagging—That the Trustees have lately paved the side Walks in Church Street and as it has now become necessary that those in Murray Street should be also paved, they pray that it may be ordered to be done.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of David Lyner, was received stating that he had been indicted and fined for suffering Gambling in his House—that from the manner in which he was hurried from his House by the Peace Officers, the Drawer in his Store was left open and it was robbed of $135—That the various expense attending the trial and Conviction had amounted to near $500. That there was now a prosecution pending against him on his recognizance, that he was a poor man and unable to sustain these expenses and praying that the suit on the Recognizance may be discontinued.

Whereupon it was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Amos Rand to be [172] permitted to Continue to keep a Hucksters stand in the Washington Market.

Was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of White Hall Slip stating that said Slip had not been cleaned for a number of years and that it had now become offensive and praying that orders may be given to have it cleaned

Was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition was received from Leonard Bleecker praying to be permitted to remove the surplus Earth from Green Mann & Wooster Streets which had been Ceded by him

Was referred to the Street Committee with authority

A Petition of Henry Clapp for remission of fine incurred by selling vegitables on the side walks and for which he is now imprisioned

[173] Was referred to the Market Committee with Authority

A Petition of Jacob Rivier, and of Jacob Lobell for appointment of Inspectors of Fire Wood

Was referred to the Committee on wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of B V De Russi Widow of Thomas De Russi, Dec^{d}, complaining of an undue assessment of Personal Tax on her late husband was read, and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Swan Lessee of Lots N^{o} 453 and 455 near chatham Street in 4th Ward, praying in Consequence of the great depression of the value of Real Estate, that the rent he had covenanted to pay, may be lessened, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Isaac T Ludlam for the appointment of City Surveyor, was read and referred to the Street Committee

[174] A Petition of Sundry Farmers of the Counties of Kings Queens and Richmond was received stating that in Consequence of the losses they sustained in purchasing manure from the City which was always short of Measure they petitioned for and obtained, an act of the Legislature authorising the election of Measurers in the Counties of Kings Queens and Richmond—that they have agreeably to said Act elected Measurers in said Counties and assigned them their districts—that as they have to pay said Measurers for measuring, they consider the present Law of the Corporation, for the appointment of Inspectors of Manure a grievance to them and unnecessary and they therefore pray that said office may be abolished

A Petition from Dobbs & Winans Contractors for Street Manure stating that they considered the above petition just and necessary and praying that the request may be complied with

Were severally read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John A Martin for [175] Butchers Licence, and to be assigned to a Stall in Greenwich Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Charles Cotter for appointment of a Weigher of Hay, was read and on Motion his prayer was granted, and the Petitioner appointed accordingly

A Petition from Alexander L Stewart was received stating that he was owner of certain Lots on the North River near the foot of Canal Street, and therefore had a right to the Water Lots in front thereof, that the Corporation some time since, set apart those Lots for the purposes of a public Basin—that he understands it is proposed to sell those Lots for private purposes, against which he remonstrates—That he understands there is a petition for applying that property to a Public Market, and he prays that such application of the Ground may be made.

Whereupon the Same was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Executors of Charles [176] M^cCarty deceased Lessee of two Lots of Ground corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Street praying permission to assign the same to Alexander H Mooney.

Was referred to the Finance Committee with authority

A Petition of the Watchmen of the first district was received stating that Captain Anderson, late one of the Captains of said District had received a portion of their pay, which he had not paid over to them, and praying that they mig[h]t be paid by the Corporation their arrearages.

Was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Orange Street opposite Franklin Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 6^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner to report and Ordinance therefor

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Banker Street, complaining of the Riotous and Indecent conduct of persons in that Street, particularly on Sundays, was read and referred to the Police Committee,

[177] A Letter from the Captain of the City Watch of the 1^st^ District to Alderman Mann, chairman of the Watch Committee stating that the Caps of the Watch men were out of repair, and also recommending the establishment of three additional Watch Posts or Stations in said District, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas B Marsh for remission of fine Incurred by selling liquors on Sunday, was referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Thomas Shaw Owner of Hack[n]ey Carriage N° 46, praying remission of fine for not having rates in his Carriage, the same having been taken out unknown to the Driver, was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Philip Bowerhans for a stall in Grand Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee, with authority &c

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Delancy Slip stating [178] that the same is too small for the present state of

Business, in that part of the City, and praying that it may be enlarged, was referred to the Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Mary Sullivan complaining of an assessment on her Lot, corner of Leonard and Chapel Street, was referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition of David Board in behalf of himself and Elbert Anderson was received, stating that in the year 1816 they received a grant of a Water Lot at foot of Charlton Street, the terms of which they were dissatisfied with, and petitioned the Corporation thereon that said petition was referred, but the Committee never acted upon it— He therefore prayed that the subject might have a further reference

Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition from Abraham K Smedes and others, praying that measures may be taken, for opening a free course for [179] the Water, on the Easterly side of the First Avenue, and that the Avenue may [be] levelled and regulated, was referred to the Street Committee with powers

The following Person were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine N° 21

Charles Pearsall Mechanic 63 Beekman St 2d Ward Vice Edward A Valentine resigned

The Comptroller presented a communication, stating that he had received a proposal from John Thompson Lessee of Lots No 31. 32 Common Lands, to release the same to the Corporation and recommending the acceptance of the release, was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority &c

He also presented a communication proposing an alteration in the Collection of the Taxes of the City, substituting one gen[er]al Collector, in the place of the Collectors in the Several Wards, which was referred to the Finance Committee and directed to be printed for the use of the members

[180] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector reports the following ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N° 1	E Anderson	Owner	Mercer Street	A Lot
2	Eagle Insurance Co	do	Hubert St	do
3	Levinus Clarkson	do	do	do

4	A L Stewart	Owner		Provost	A Lot
5	E Anderson	do		Grand	do
6	P Crawbuck	do		Elizabeth St	do
7	S W Thompson	do		Front	do
8	P Schermerhorn	do		do	do
9	A Hammond	do		Grand	do
10	L Skidmore	do		Provost	do
11	J Morrison	Occupant	1	Roosevelt St	A Privy
12	F Cooper	do	138	Elizabeth St	do
13	E Auguster	do	44	Howard St	do
14	E Bardin	Owner		West Street	A Lot

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

The assistant Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and a Pump in Banker Street between Pike and Rutgers Streets which was passed and David Board, Francis Peckwell and John Brower were appointed assessors.

[181] He also presented a Communication on the subject of a Bulk head on West Street which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

He also presented an agreement entered into some years since amoung the proprietors on Columbia Street for widening the same, and with which one of the Lessees of a Lot refuses to comply, whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee

He also presented an assessment for paving First Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed collector

He also presented a communication stating that the assessment for a Well in First Street near the Bowery presented last meeting was incorrect, and he now presented a corrected assessment, whereupon the Confirmation of the former was resinded, and the one presented confirmed and the same Collector appointed Viz N Jarvis

[182] He also presented an Assessment for a Well in Augustus Street between Duane and Pearl Streets, which was confirmed and John G Betts appointed Collector.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on Assessment for Minetto Sewer, and for regulating and Curbing First Street from the Bowery to the first Avenue,

Wherefore Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for Collecting the same.

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease to Ebenezer & Andrew Wilson of a Block of Ground between West and Washing-

ton Streets and King & Charlton Streets which was directed to be duly executed.

The Market Committee on the several Petitions of Edward Merritt, Alexander Peacock Henry Fegan and Aaron Woodruff to be licensed as Butchers reported in their favor and they were directed to be licensed accordingly

The Finance Committee to whom was [183] referred the Petition, for the removal of the Market at Spring Street and Establishing one at the foot of Canal Street, and the remonstrances against the same reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Sundry Inhabitants praying that a new Market may be erected on the ground Called the Canal Street Basin, and that the Markets in Spring and Duane Streets may be discontinued, and also a remonstrance against it. Respectfully report, That the Common Council have lately been compelled to take measures for the removal of the Fly Market at the enormous expense of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars exclusive of the expenses which may arise out of that measure, other than the cost of the Market; the reason assigned for the removal of the Fly Market, was, that it stood over a sewer

Your Committee cannot perceive why the presence of the Mammoth Sewer of Canal Street should not be as valid an objection against building a market on the scite alluded to, as [184] the little sewer under the Fly Market was a good reason for removing it—with the recollection of that circumstance before them your Committee Cannot but think it would be the extremest folly to carry into effect the project of the memorialists,

Your Committee are also of opinion that Individual speculations ought not to be encouraged by misapplications of the public Money and the[y] cannot conceive that the building a market on the Canal Street Basin, would be under existing Circumstances, any other than a wanton waste of public Treasure,

They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the memorialists

J Hammond
Chaˢ Town
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Fraˢ Cooper.

which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

[185] The Same Committee on the Petition of Francis Gariel reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Gariel, respectfully report, That the Lot of Ground in question was sold, on the 26th day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty together with the adjoining Lot for default in not paying the assessment for paving in front thereof that the amount assessed on both Lots, and for which the property was sold, is One Hundred and sixty two dollars forty two Cents, that the proportion to be paid by the Lot in question being a Corner is ninety seven dollars and forty Cents, the Interest on which at Twenty per Cent is fifteen Dollars forty two Cents making together the sum of One Hundred and twelve dollars Eighty two Cents, to be paid by the Petitioner, on redeeming the said Corner lot; the time allowed by Law for that purpose not being expired, the following Resolution is proposed.

Resolved that Francis Gariel be permitted to redeem the Lot at the Corner of the Bowery and De Lancy Street [186] One the payment of One Hundred and twelve Dollars and Eighty two Cents

Respectfully submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Disbrow reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Disbrow respectfully report, That on the 14th day of May last, by a resolution of the Common Council permission was given to Benjamin Disbrow to assign his contract for the manure of the Eastern District, to Charles Dobbs on their paying the sums respectively mentioned in the resolution. for that purpose made, or securing the same to be paid, which your Committee believe was done accordingly—That after the said arrangement was made [187] and before Mr Dobbs had actually signed his Contract, with the Common Council but after he had entered upon the District, and had taken up manure from the Streets, certain suits were commenced against the said Benjamin Disbrow in respect of some streets that were not cleaned

according to the Ordinance in such case made and provided But your Committee [think] that it [is] unreasonable that the fine should be exacted of him—They therefore recommend the following resolution, Mr Dobbs having now signed the Contract as your Committee are informed

Resolved, that the above mentioned Suits against Benjamin Disbrow be discontinued on his paying the costs thereof, and that the same be no further prosecuted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Fras Cooper
Chas Town

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[188] The Same Committee on the Resolution respecting improvements at the Battery reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the propriety of Immediately commencing the contemplated improvements at the Battery report—That in the opinion of the Committee the operations at the Battery ought not to be Commenced until some part of the Funds appropriated by Law for that purpose shall have been raised and collected, they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to pass the said resolution

J Hammond
B Crane
Fras Cooper
Chas Town

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Isaac Russell reported.

The Finance Committee to [189] whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Russell respectfully report That from the facts set forth in his petition, he appears to have been somewhat imprudent in his disbursements in repairing the premises mentioned in his Petition, but your Committee dont think that a good reason for remitting to him the Seventy Nine Dollars and Sixty three Cents assessed upon the said premises, for paving and regulating Walker Street.

Your Committee further report that the upper part of the prem-[i]sses alluded to were hired by the Common Council for the accomodation of the Justices Court of the Fifth and Eighth Wards, of

the said Isaac Russell in the spring of the year 1820 for Six years from the 1st Day of May 1820, at the yearly Rent of Seventy five Dollars by Deed under the Common Seal, with permission to the said Common Council to give up the said prem[i]sses, at the End of any One Year provided Three Months notice was previously given to the said Isaac Russell of such intention, and that the said Justices Court, was removed [190] from the said premises on the first day of May last past. without such notice being given by reason whereof the Common Council is liable to pay the Rent for the Current Year— The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that the sum of Seventy five Dollars being the Rent of the Court Room above alluded to for the current year, be set off as far as it will go against the assessment of $79.63/100 for paving Walker Street, in respect of the above premises and that Isaac Russell be required only to pay the balance which may remain due on the said Assessment after deducting the said rent, on the said Isaac Russell surrendering the Lease of the said Court Room by which he devised the same to the Common Council, and releasing them from all the covenants in the said Lease contained

All which is respectfully submitted

[191] J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Fra$ Cooper
Cha$ Town

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Philip Milldollar reported

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Philip Milldoler respectfully report—That the Ground alluded to in the Petition, lies on both sides of the scite on which the Bridge heretofore called Wards Bridge was erected, and is a water Lot

Your Committee admit, that the Bridge which was only temporary, as might have been expected was long since swept away, and that the Water Lot in question is not so productive to the Petitioner as it would have been if the Bridge had been strong enough to have sustained itself. But your Committee, cannot perceive in that circumstance a sufficient reason for continueing the Lease, and at the same time releasing the Rent, They therefore submit the following resolution

[192] Resolved that it is inexd[p]edient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner

Respectfully submitted

Judah Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Fra^s Cooper
Cha^s Town

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the accounts of Alpheus Sherman late Attorney and Michael Ulshoeffer present Attorney Reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the accounts of Alpheus Sherman late Attorney of the Board and also the Account of Michael Ulshoeffer Attorney to the Board report, That they have examined the same and recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that the said Accounts be filed in the Comptrollers office

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Fra^s Cooper
Cha^s Town

[193] which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the accounts directed to be filed accordingly

The same Committee on the Balance Sheets and Accounts, stated by the Comptroller on the 13th November last, and which were referred to the Finance Committee, reported a Resolution that the same be filed, which resolution was adopted

The same Committee to whom had been referred the Resolution, for extending the Iron fence, now erecting around the Park so as to Connect it with that already erected Reported,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the resolution for extending the Iron Fence, now erecting in Bro[a]d Way so as to connect it, with that already made and for removing the Engine House to the Public Ground on Chamber Street: Respectfully Report —That the building the New Market will cost about Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and the Building so much of the Iron Fence as has been already Contracted for and ordered, amounting to about [194] Fifteen Thousand Dollars, are sufficient undertakings for any one Year, and that some respect ought to be had to the amount of the Public Debt, and the manner and means of its payment, which must

be chiefly by direct Taxation—The Committee also think, that it would be improper to lay open the Bridewell Yard to the view, from the Public Street, and that it will be far better to wait until it may be determined, and seen, what ulterior measures will be most proper in respect of that part of the western line of the Park Grounds, They therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that said resolutions are inexpedient

J Hammond
B Crane
Fra^{s} Cooper

before the question being taken on the first Resolution, it was moved to strike out the Words, that said resolutions are inexpedient, The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative,

It was then moved to insert the Words, [195] "It is expedient to Continue the Fence" which was agreed to. It was then Moved by M^{r} Parker that the Street Commissioner make the necessary agreement to have the Iron Fence on Broad Way connected with that on the upper Park, which was agreed to. Upon the question being taken on the Second Resolution, it was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, on the Petition of William Van Wart and John Gaffit, for extension of 7th Wood Inspection District, reported.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of William Van Wart and John Gaffit—praying to add the 7th Wood Inspection District to the 6th begs leave most respectfully to report

That your Committee has had their subject under Consideration and are of the Opinion that they prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted they therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved that the prayer [196] of the Petitioners be granted

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Tho^{s} S Townsend

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others for Erecting a Pier on West side of Peck Slip reported

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others proprietors of Water Lots between Crane Wharf Street and Peck Slip, requesting

that a pier may be built in the East River fronting Crane Wharf Street,

Report, That your Committee have bestowed upon the subject that attention, which its importance seems to merit, and are of Opinion, that the request of the Petitioners should be granted under the conditions of Simular Situations namely, that the Individuals, proprietors of the Water Lots aforesaid, bear and pay two third parts, and the Corporation [197] of this City One Third Part of the Expense of said Pier, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved—that a Pier be built in the East River at the foot of Crane Wharf Street, of such dimensions, and in such manner as shall be directed by the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, and the Street Commissioner. Provided the proprietors of Water Lots between Crane Wharf Street and Peck Slip, bear and pay two third parts of the expense thereof

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Thos S Townsend

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of John Bowden and Others respecting paving side Walks in Allen Street and a remonstrance against the same reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Bowden and others relative to flagging the side [198] Walks in Allen Street from Broome to North Street, and the remonstrance of Thomas Gardner and others on the same subject, respectfully report.

That they have carefully examined the side Walks in Allen Street from Broome to North Streets, and find a great part of them flagged and in good order, excepting the West side from Delancy to Rivington Streets, and the greater part occupied by Gardens, and likewise some of the owners of Houses and Lots have represented to your Committee their inability at present to flagg their side Walks, but are willing to have them gravelled as is usual in the out parts of the City. They therefore are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Fras Cooper
H J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[199] The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Elizabeth Jobe, reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred *to* [the] petition of Elizabeth Jobe, Complaining, that she had been unjustly assessed for personal Tax in the 5th Ward for the year 1820, and praying to have it remitted

Report, That they have given this case an examination, and from the representations made by the petitioner together with the certificate of the Assessors of the Ward—they are of opinion that her prayer ought to be granted, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Collector of the 5th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on the personal property of Elizabeth Jobe for the year 1820, and that he return the same in the list of Errors and insolvencies of said Ward

Chas Town Chn
John P Anthony
John Bingham
William Thorn

which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

[200] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner in relation, to the cleansing of the Sewers in Canal Street Collect and Chappel Streets, reported,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner in relation to the cleansing of the sewers in Canal Street, Chapel and Collect Streets,

Report, That they have had the subject under their particular consideration and have had them examined throughout,—there appears to be a considerable accumulation of sand and Mud, but not in such quantities in any one place, so as to obstruct the free passage of Water.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it is inexpedient, to have them cleansed at this season of the year, whereby a quantity of Mud will be exposed to the rays of the Sun, and the whole neighborhood of the Sewers impregnated with noxious vapours. and poisonous exhalations

They therefore submit the following Resolutions

[201] Resolved, that it is inexpedient and improper to have the sewers in Canal Collect and Chapel Streets cleansed at present

Resolved, that the sewers in Canal, Collect and Chapel Streets, be

cleansed as soon as the coolness of the Season will admit it to be done with propriety

Ge° B Thorp
Gerard DePeyster
Isaac Emmons
Francis Cooper
W^m H Ireland

which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

A Communication, which was made to the Board of Health this day, from his Honor the Mayor and Alderman Wyckoff on the subject of Nuisances existing in the Eighth Ward occasioned by the discharge of offensive and noisome Water from several Distilleries in the vicinity, and which had been directed by the Board of Health to be laid before the Common Council, was now presented and read,

Whereupon the same was referred to [202] a Special Committee Viz M^r Ireland Crane Town Ald Gelston M^r Bolton

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of the Alms-House stating that they had endeavoured to carry into effect the Law of the Corporation relating to Swine, but that the persons employed by them, had been resisted and opposed in the execution of their duty by a collection of Persons who exercised great violence towards them.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee

His Honor the Mayor and the Commissioners of the Alms House, to whom had been referred a communication from the Reverend John Stanford on the subject of establishing an Asylum for Vagrant Youth, presented the following report which was accepted and directed to be filed

[203] The Mayor and Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred the Communication of the Rev^d John Stanford of the 19^th June relative to the situation of the vagrant children in the Penitentiary Report,

That they have considered with attention the subject matter thereof: they concur fully in opinion with the writer that bad as these vagrants are, they may become still more depraved by associating with the Criminals of the Penitentiary: and indeed that the very fact of their being committed to this place of confinement attaches to them a disgrace which is not easily wiped away.

Under these impressions the Commissioners of the Alms House had, previous to the communication of M^r Stanford, transferred a

number of the vagrants, Boys, from the Penitentiary to the Alms House, placing them on an equal footing with the Paupers: it was not long however, before nearly half of them escaped during the Night by scaling the Walls of the enclosure.

They have notwithstanding, now [204] determined to make a further experiment: and have therefore directed the residue of these prisoners amounting to 17 between the ages of 12 and 16, to be placed in the Alms House, in a Comfortable Ward of the middle Building; there to be regularly kept at school, and at night dispersed in the other wards among the sober and orderly inhabitants of the House

A School Master will be obtained from among the Paupers, so that no additional expense, in any shape, will fall on the Public.

It may however, not be in the power of the Commissioners to continue this arrangement beyond the commencement of the ensuing Winter, as the number of poor, then greatly encreased will probably require that this Ward should, as heretofore be appropriated to their use

The whole number in this apartment will now be about 25. but will of course vary by additions from the Police: by expiration of [205] Sentences. and also by escapes, which it will be impossible to prevent.

Your Committee cannot unite with Mr Stanford in the proposition for erecting an "Asylum for Vagrant Youth" at the present time: however desirable such an establishment might be at some future period; at present in their opinion, neither the urgency of the case requires it, nor will the finances of the City admit of it.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Allen
Thos R Smith
Peter Stagg
Richd Furman
John Targee

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Petition of Garret Gilbert reported,

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred, a communication from Mr Gilbert, stating that he had compleated the contract, entered into with the Corporation, in relation to the double indexing the volumes in the registers office, and also praying that a further Compensation be allowed him [206] in order to meet the necessary expenses incurred, over and above the prices allowed him by the Corporation, respectfully Report

That they have had the same under Consideration, and the following is the result, of their enquiry. Viz

It appears that in the summer of 1819. Mr Gilbert addressed a Letter to the Board, stating the office of Register to be in a very imperfect state, owing to the number of satisfaction pieces, that remained uncancelled, or standing open on the Books together with a recommendation to have the whole number of volumes overhauled, and a general Index made in conformity to the Statute, which he stated had never been complied with

whereupon the subject was referred to the Committee on Public Offices, Samuel Stevens Esq Chairman, several conferences were had with Mr Gilbert, as will appear by sundry Letters received from Mr Gilbert, who kept copies, the Committee regret that no part of the correspondence between the chairman and Mr Gilbert, was ever handed over by the Chairman of the Committee, [207] But from a recollection several of the Members have of the transaction, together with a reference to the Letters as aforesaid, it appears the Corporation were to pay Mr G. Eight Dollars per Volume for the Mortgages, and $5 for the Conveyances, and other volumes of a miscellanous kind, It also appears that Mr G. was to receive 12½ Cents a piece to write up the satisfaction pieces that were found in the office, on his coming into it

The Committee, endeavoured to ascertain the exact number of all the Books in the Registers office, but were not able to do so during the Administration of Mr Gilbert. It was variously stated to be about 50. of Mortgages, and about 200 of Conveyances &c, and from the above representations, your Committee, were induced to make advances, until, it appears the Corporation are in advance *e*[o]ver and above compleating the whole Ninety four Dollars

It appears, from a Statement received from Mr McMurray, one of the Clerks in the Registers office, formerly employed by Mr Gilbert, and since retained by [208] Mr Lent, that the number of Volumes fall short of the *verbar* [verbal] statement, 67. which in the opinion of Your Committee ought to be a sufficient excuse for their permitting Mr Gilbert to overdraw the number of volumes and as per statement

47 of Mortgages	at $8 each	.....	376
136 " Conveyances & others	at $5 "	.....	680
			1056
Cash paid Mr Gilbert as per Comptrollers Books		.....	1150
exclusive of 90^{38}/_{100}$ for writing up 723. Satisfaction pieces, an excess of			$94.

Your Committee would beg leave further to state, that in the progress of their enquiry, they were led to believe that Mr G. could not have expended more monies, than was appropriated by the Corporation, As the enquiry was made in the presence of Mr Gilbert they presumed it must have been satisfactory to him

Mr McMurray. who as it has heretofore been stated, wrote in the office under Mr G. was examined before Mr Gilbert, by the Committee, and stated as follows—Viz. That he had been [209] employed by Mr Gilbert, to do a part of the writing, to the indexes, and from a memorandum, which he had, he seemed to speak with a good deal of certainty, as to what the *word* [work] had cost Viz For every volume of Mortgages Mr G Paid $3.77 and for every volume of conveyances $4.84, But that on the latter 75 cents were added for Mr G's services in the examination

From which it appears that Mr Gilbert retained in his hands, out of the Monies received from the Corporation $314 $^{57}/_{100}$ Including the $94 overdrawed add to that the amount received for Cancelling satisfaction pieces $90.38 and the amount will be $404.$^{95}/_{100}$

Your Committee having extended their report to an unusual length, for the purpose of being the more explicit, would therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution, believing as they do that Mr Gilbert has completely failed in making out his statement

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee

[210] B Crane Chairman
Heny Mead
William Thorn
Abr Valentine

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

A Resolution directing the Superintendant of Repairs to cause the Bulk Head, at Coenties Slip to be forthwith repaired was presented and agreed to.

Mr Crane presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to report an amendment to the Ordinance preventing Nuisances, so as to prohibit the emptying or cleansing any sink between the first day of May and the first day of October, in each Year unless specially ordered by the Board of Health which resolution was adopted.

A Law entitled " A Law in relation to the Imprisionment of Slaves was presented by his honor the Mayor and read by Paragraphs and passed

[211] Resolved That the 15th Section of the Law to regulate the removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets, in the City of New York be published in the Papers employed by the Board for the information of the Citizens

Resolved that the subject of Prohibiting the practice of Washing Horses at the Public Pumps in the City, and of Dyers and Scourers washing articles of their trade at the Pumps, be referred to the Committee on Laws to consider and report thereon

Resolved, That on the renewal of Licenses to Master Chimney Sweepers the fee be reduced to One Dollar

Resolved, That the subject of setting apart certain parts of the City, whereat, and no other place Carmen may stand for employment with their Horses and Carts be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places to Consider and report thereon.

Resolved, That the clerk be directed to furnish to each of the newly elected members Randells Map of the City of New York,

[212] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 25 June	886.49
Received for Excise	100.
" Tax 1. 2. 3. 4. Wards	10157.43
	$11143.92

38 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	981.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	414.75
R Riker Esq Recorder Salary 1 Qr	375.
S Hutchings Street Inspector 1 Mo	52.50
J Pinkney do 1 "	52.50
A Ackerman do 1 "	52.50
W J Waldron Asst City Insp 1 "	45.50
O Ayres do "	45.50
Austin & Cochran Messengers "	52.
D H Magee Keeper Pottersfield "	37.50
C Gilman do Battery "	33.75
A McCredy do Park "	33.75
B Skaats do City Hall to buy Fuel for Hall	700.
A Moody dinner for Corporation July 4	542.
T Brown band of Music do do	30.
B Skaats to pay bell ringers do	38.
J Sidell do Peace Officers do	15.
Fine, See & Co Coach Hire for Road Com	20.
J Sidell to pay Peace officers attending Convention Election	180.
[213] H Waterbery Working at Mud Machine 12 days	97.27
R Provoost, repairing Lamps 1 Mo	67.53

G B Rapelye Clerk Police office Expenses 6 Mo	29. 5
Tucker & Woodruff Acct building Park Fence	1000.
A H Mooney do Paving 2d Avenue from N[orth to 15th]	400.
H & W Cochrane do do Hudson St from Canal to Spring.	300.
J Vincent for regulatg Clarkson Street	372.45
W Church, bal regulatg 6th Avenue & Clarkson & Carmine	182.67
T & G Lovett regulating Grand St from Mercer to Green	216.
G Tucker bal building Drain Burling Slip	115.
J Meghan bal paving Broome from Varick to Sullivan	101.39
do paving Harman & part Chatham Square	100.
A H Mooney repairing Intersection Streets & Public Places	127.49
J Williamson Repairs of Streets	9.81
N Philips advertising Sale of Property for assessments	30.
C Mooney repaving Area of Washington Market	184.63
Commissioners of Alms House for Pin Manufactory	800.
J Hammond Esq Treas Board of Health	1500.
	9981. 4
Balance	1162.88

Adjourned.

[214] Special Meeting In Common Council July 16. 1821

Present. The Honl Stephen Allen Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thomas S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Maltby Gelston	William H Ireland
Asa Mann	Benjn Crane
Isaac Emmons	Charles Town
George B Thorp	Shivers Parker
Judah Hammond	Wm Thorn
	Francis Cooper
	Henry Mead

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had summoned the Board at the request of the Committee to whom at the last meeting, had been referred a Communication from the Board of Health, on the subject of nuisances existing in the Eighth Ward, occasioned by [215] the discharge of Offensive Water from certain Distilleries

The following Report was presented by the Chairman of that Committee, Mr Ireland.

The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Board of Health relating to a nuisance originating from the Distillery of Mr Richards beg leave to report, That they have examined

said distillery and the grounds adjacent thereto, and regret to say, they found them in a filthy and very effensive situation, so much so, as to impress them with a belief that if suffered to continue it might endanger the health of the Citizens in that vicinity They are therefore of Opinion that immediate measures ought to be taken to remedy the evil, to effect which the[y] recommend as the most feasible mode, that an ordinance pass this board for filling up and regulating Broome Street, so as to take the Water off on the surface, from Mercer to Thompson Street, where it will intersect the Sewer now erecting in the latter Street, and from thence, be conveyed through the Canal to the River.

[216] This the Committee conceive the only speedy and effectual method of correcting the nuisance, except that of compelling Mr Richards to stop his works altogether, to do which would no doubt seriously injure him, and might be received as an act of Oppression, which the Board was not warranted in exercising while any other method of correcting the nuisance presented itself.

Mr Richards stated to the Committee that if Broome Street was filled and regulated, he would cause a drain to be made that should carry off (under ground) all the offensive matter arising from his Works. Believing that the Health of the City greatly depends (especially at this season of the Year) on giving prompt attention to complaints of this nature, and in order that measures may be adopted to remove those complaints without delay your Committee have thought it their duty to request a special meeting of the Board, to whom the[y] beg leave to submit the following resolution

Resolved that Broome Street [217] be filled up and regulated from Mercer to Thompson Streets, with so much of the intersecting streets, as may be necessary to convey the Water on the surface to the Sewer now building in Thompson Street and that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance forthwith for regulating the said Streets

Resolved that all the Lots lying within One Hundred feet of Broome Street on each side be filled up in such manner as to cast the Water into the adjoining Streets, and that the City Inspector be instructed to present an ordinance for that purpose

Wm H Ireland
B Crane
Thos Bolton
Chas Town
M Gelston

The Report being read the several Resolutions were adopted, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed and Abraham Baudoine James Bleecker and John Brown[er] were appointed the assessors

[218] A Petition of Proprietors of Lots of Ground in Grand Street, between Sullivan and Varick Streets, complaining of the Sunken grounds in that neighborhood and praying that they may be filled up. and also that they may at their own cost put down a sewer from the cellar of the House corner of Sullivan street, and Grand Street, to the Sewer in Thompson Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Presentation of the Grand Jury which had been presented to the Board of Health and by them directed to be laid before the Common Council was read. The Grand Jury State that they had visited the Bridewell and Gaol, both of which they found in a state of neatness and cleanliness—They recommended in Room No 1. that a Window or grating be made in the partition for the free circulation of air, and they stated that the lower room of the latter where they received the Manhattan Water required immediate repair

[219] Whereupn the same was referred to the Committee on repairs with authority

Mr Cooper moved that a Committee be appointed, for the purpose of visiting the Alms House and Penitentiary from time to time and to make reports to the Board, of their situation, which was postponed until the next meeting of the Board, and made the order of the day at said meeting

Adjourned

[220] In Common Council July 23. 1821

Present The Honl Stephen Allen Mayor Presidt

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
Maltby Gelston	Wm H Ireland
John P Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Bingham	Chas Town
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Isaac Emmons	Wm Thorn
George B Thorp	Francis Cooper
Judah Hammond	Gerard De Peyster
	Henry Mead

The Minutes of the last regular and of the Special Meeting was read and approved

The Monthly report from the Keeper of the Bridewell of the Persons Confined therein, was read and ordered to be filed

[221] A Petition of Frederick Bennett for a Stall in the Grand Street Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Simeon Brown was received, stating that he is Lessee under Henry Simmons of certain Houses and Lands on Manhattan Island, that said Simmons engaged to procure for Petitioner t[w]o Water Lots in front of the Premises, which he now refuses to do, and he prays the Board to grant them to him, Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance of the Measurers of Lime against the appointing of an inspector of Lime as prayed for by a Petition, some time since presented, Was read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Ald Thorp. Mann Wyckoff M^{r} De Peyster Thorn

[222] A Petition of Joseph Giraud praying remission of a fine incurred under the Law to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchandize, which Law he considers oppressive in his peculiar case, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward to report

A further Petition of Isaac C Lopez to be appointed Deputy Clerk of the Fly Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Doughty late Collector of the 9th Ward for reimbursement to him of the Sum of $34 which he had paid into the Treasury not knowing, that the same had been remitted, by the Common Council to R Riker, who had been already Taxed in an other Ward, was read and Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting for repayment of the same

A Petition of John P M^{c}Gillycuddy [223] for relief from a fine incurred for not registering a Dog, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial from the New York and Brooklyn Steam Boat Ferry Company, remonstrating against the payment of an account demanded from them for Ferry Boats said to have been received from the Corporation, and stating that they had a demand against the Corporation, for Labourers employed in Driving Piles at Beekman Slip, and offering to submit the case to arbitrators was read and referred to the ferry committee

A Petition was also received from the same Company requesting that they may be permitted to put an other Team Boat upon the Ferry of the same size, with the one at present employed, and to receive the same rates as now allowed, and that they be directed always to have

two of the Three Boats, which will be then on the Ferry in constant employ,

[224] Which being read was also referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition was received from a number of Owners of Lots of ground in Beekman Street that in 1816 a Petition was presented for extending Beekman Street to the East River that a plan was hastily adopted for opening the same upon a Crooked Line, which was objected to by the Petitioners. That upon an after Petition a plan was adopted for extending the Street from the House of Abraham S Hallett, That the project of opening the Street was afterwards abandoned in consequence of the determination of the Board not to erect a new market as was contemplated at Fulton Street. That the Building of the Market having since been determined upon and being now in actual progress They request that the Street may now be opened and extended upon the said proposed straight line,

[225] Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Wallis to be relieved from an undue assessment for personal Tax was referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition from the owners and inhabitants of Lumber Street praying that the Corporation of Trinity Church may be directed to cause the side Walks of said Street between Rector and Thames Street along the Wall of the church yard to be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that the 5th Avenue from the Arsenal to the Cross Roads to Bloomingdale be levelled and the hollow grounds filled up, was referred to the Road Committee,

A Petition of John Andariese to be relieved from an assessment for a Pump in First Street; was [226] Referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Allen Street near Delancey Street, was referred to the Alderman and assistant of Ward and the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition from Cornelius DuBois to be relieved from a Personal Tax assessed on him in 1st Ward, he having been assessed in 10th Ward where he actually resides, was referred to the Committee on assessments.

A Petition of Silas Baremoor to be appointed Superintendant of the Mud Machine, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of William Speidle that his hogs might be restored to

him, which had be[en] seized to the [227] use of the Poor, he having permitted them to Run at large, was referred to the Police Committee,

A Petition of James Gourlay Auctioneer to be permitted to sell at Auction in the Street at Chatham Square, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Simmons for relief from a fine said to be incurred by carrying a Trunk for Hire he not having license as a porter and for which he was in prison, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with powers.

A Complaint of John Edwards Scale Beam Maker, against the Conduct of Joseph P Simpson, Sealer of Weights and measures under the Corporation, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing near Delancy Street Rivington, and Stanton Streets, praying that a [228] Watchman may be stationed in that vicinity, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company Complaining of the Drain at the foot of Cortlandt Street and of the indecent practice of persons bathing at the ferry at Cortlandt Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Coenrad Ritter for relief from a fine incurred by not registering a Dog was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Seth R Kneeland and Others Inspectors of Lumber appointed by the Council of Appointment of the State, complaining that the appointment of Inspectors of Lumber by the Corporation interfered with their business, and was injurious to the Community, as it subjected Purchasers to double fees, which was read [229] and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition for a Pump corner of Mercer and Houston Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and the Street Commissioner to report an ordinance therefor

A Represention of Thomas Walden recommending in the Construction of the Wharves, vacancies be left between the Planks in such a way as to enable persons who might accidentally fall from them into the River to regain the Top of the Wharf, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Letter was received from the Commissioners of the School Fund for the City and County of New York requesting payment from the Corporation of the Sum granted by the Legislature Was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct a Warrant to be reported therefor

[230] A Petition of George B Smith to be appointed a City Surveyor, was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of George Betts, clerk of the assistant Justices Courts for 5th & 8th Wards requesting on account of ill health to be permitted to leave the City, for a few Weeks, stating that he would appoint a person to supply his place for whose conduct he would be responsible, and leave of absence was given to him according to his request.

A Petition of Thomas M Huntington to construct a vault in Broadway between Grand and Broome Streets, was referred to Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition that Eldridge Street may be paved from Grand to Broome Streets, was referred to the Street Committee

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been called upon by a Committee from some of the clergy, with a request that they might be accomodated [231] with a Room in the Hall, for the meeting of a number of Citizens, who were about forming themselves into a Society for the prevention of the Profanation of the Sabbath

Whereupon, it was referred to the Mayor to grant such unoccupied Room as he should deem proper

A Petition of Philip Baxter for payment of a House taken down for the purpose of opening Mercer Street, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Letter from J B Brinsmede transmitting for each member of the Board a Pamphlet called "Sunday School Facts" being an account of the number of Free or voluntary School associations, and the number of children taught therein, was read and ordered to be filed

The following were appointed Fire Wardens and Fire-Men the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens of 6th Ward

Isaac Whitehead Grate Maker 524 Pearl St 6th ward Vice Michael Vermilyea removed out of Ward

[232] Enoch Dean Shoe Maker 114 Bowery 6th Ward Vice Leonard Seaman Deceased

Cornelius McLean Carpenter 198 Henry St 6th Ward Vice John Ackerman Removed out of Ward

Fire Engine No 14

James Durand Grocer 187 Washington Street 3rd Ward Vice Jacob Barger resigned

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents on Sundry Assessments and he recommended that the property should be advertised and sold agreeably to Law, which was approved, and he was directed to advertize and sell accordingly.

He also presented returns of delinquents on assessments for regulating North Street—for regulating & paving Oliver Street, for regulating and Paving Gouverneur Street and for regulating Pitt Street, and Warrants were directed to issue to the Collectors, for collecting the same.

He also on the Petition of Isaac T Ludlam for appointment of City Surveyor reported.

[233] The Street Commissioner to whom the Petition of Isaac T Ludlam was refered praying to be appointed a City Surveyor

Respectfully reports, that Mr Ludlam is personally known to him as having the requisite qualifications for a City Surveyor—he was educated by his late Father for that profession, and is possessed of much practical information, and can with Confidence recommend him to the Notice of the Common Council, as a young Man of excellent character, and if it should meet their pleasure to appoint him to that office, He has no doubt but Mr Ludlam will prove to be a useful Surveyor

Which is respectfully Submitted

Jno Mc Comb Street Commissr

Whereupon said Isaac T Ludlam was appointed a City Surveyor

He also upon the Report of the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips made this evening, presented an ordinance for making West Street between Harrison and Beach Streets and for filling in the Lots adjoining thereto

[234] Which was passed

He also upon the Report of the Canal Committee, made this evening presented an Ordinance, for building a Sewer in Grand Street from the intersection of Wooster Street to the Sewer in Thompson Street, which was passed and Roger Strong, John Targee and Abraham Baudoine were appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances viz

No 1	R Thompson	Owner	21	Banker Street	A Lot
2	P Rhinelander	do		Rhinelanders Alley	do
3	do	do		West Street	do
4	do	do		Washington St	do

5	P A Jay	Owner	Canal St		A Lot
6	do	do	do		do
7	John G Coster	do	47	Wall	do
8	P G Stuyvesant	do	143	Chrystie	do
9	D Doyle	Lessee	22	Banker	do
10	[235] Henry Van Pelt	Owner	27	Oak Street	do
11	W & G Post	do	35	do	do
12	D Burger	do	59	Front	do
13	H Pope	do	30	Oak	do
14	L Pittman	do	17	Banker	do
15	C Neilson	Occupant	31	Leonard	A Privy
16	Mrs M Laughlin	do	113	Mulberry	do
17	Geo Harding	do	77	Lombardy	do

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

The Superintendant of Repairs made a report that the Engine Houses in Beaver Fulton, Rose and Christopher Streets were Wanting Repairs, which was referred to the Committee on Repairs with Authority

The Comptroller presented two accounts for payment of Deputy Sheriff for Conveying Prisoners to the Penitentiary from the Court of General Sessions, from October 1817 to July 1821, amounting to $215. Also an account from Peace officers for serving Subpenas for Grand Jury and Court of Sessions for May. June and July 1821 amounting to $201 $^{75}/_{100}$, and he suggested whether [236] these expenses ought not to be abridged, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented the account of the late District Attorney P. C Van Wyck Esqr, which was referred to the Finance Committee

He also presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board for their approbation, a Release of Quit Rent on a piece of Land Containing about Ten Acres in the 9th Ward, granted to Peter Warren on the 3d of May 1745

The Indenture is to Jacobus Dyckman Andrew Corsa and James Varion—Commissioners appointed to make, partition of the Estate of Isaac Varian Decd for the Heirs.

It was commuted on the 13th Instant agreeably to a resolution of the Board of the 14th of May last, and is approved by the Counsellor

G N Bleecker
Comptroller

[237] Whereupon the Release was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution a Lease to Robert R Hunter for the term of Twenty five years, from the Sixth day of March 1819 of a certain Lot of ground situate in the tenth Ward, bounded northerly by north Street, eastely by Attorney Street, Southerly by a line drawn parallel to North Street and at the distance of One Hundred feet Southerly therefrom, Westerly by Arundel Street, Northwesterly by Land now or late belonging to Dirck Ten Broeck and Cornelia his Wife, which Lot was on the 6th of March 1817 sold to him by order of the Corporation for the purpose of satisfying a certain assessment thereon

Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following

The Counsel herewith submits [238] for execution a Lease to Albert J Terheun of a Lot of Ground designated as N° 517 in a Map of Bayards East Farm for the term of 21 years from the 1st of May 1820, at the annual rent of Fifty Dollars. This Lot was on the 25th Febry 1812 sold for the term of two years to satisfy an assessment and as the Owner has not since taken possession of it, the Corporation in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature have leased it to Mr Terheun

The Counsel also sibmits the draught of an Ordinance respecting Nuisances which he has *predared* [prepared] in pursuance of an order of the Board

Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

He also presented agreeably to order a Law entitled a Law to amend the Law to prevent Nuisances and to provide for the Securety of the Public Health, which was passed, and directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board

[239] The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Resolution, respecting removing the Engine House on Broadway near the Bridewell reported

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Resolution following " Resolved that the subject of removing the Engine House now standing on Broadway near the Bridewell *to* [be] referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

Report, that your Committee have had the subject under consideration and although they are fully impressed with the necessity of economy in the expenditures for the Fire Department and of the Expenses of the Corporation generally yet after having weighed these considerations maturely they are of Opinion, that it would be advisable to

remove the said House, The Expense of Cutting off 12 or 15 Feet and of repairing it, would be considerable, your Committee would have recommended this Course had the purchase of ground been necessary. They have examined the triangular piece of Ground, belonging [240] to this Board, opposite the Rotunda, and are of opinion, that it is a very suitable place for an Engine House, and if an Engine House was erected thereon it would remove the nuisance which is on that ground, and in the Opinion of your Committee improve that vicinity. The Expense of a Brick Building one story high suitable for Engine N° 25, and the Hose Cart which now are in the Building on Broad Way, as your Committee have ascertained will not exceed Four Hundred and Eighty five Dollars,

Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Engine and Hose Cart House on Broad Way be removed

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be, and he is hereby authorised to contract for building a Brick House, one story high of a suitable size for Engine N° 25 and the Hose Cart on the piece of ground opposite the Rotunda

John P Anthony
M Gelston

[241] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the Petition for Fire Engine at Manhattan Village reported

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Petition of John Barrow and a number of others inhabitants of the village of Manhattanville represent that owing to the number of Houses chiefly built of Wood and contiguous to each other they consider themselves in great danger from Fires, That the Town appears encreasing, and already crouded with Inhabitants there being about 60 houses in and within a quarter of a mile of the village together with a valuable manufactury for Woolens. A number of Grocerry Stores and Several Mechanical Branches of Trade, respectfully solicit a Fire Engine to be placed in the Centre of said village,

Report That they have had the said Petition under consideration, and are of opinion, for the reasons set forth by the Petitioners their petition [242] ought to be granted. A Lease for a piece of Ground for 21 years to erect an Engine House on in the village has been handed to your Committee. They beg leave further to state that they would recommend the sending Engine N° 28, (She is under the usual size, but a very excellent machine and not suitable to play in line at a fire)

to Manhattanville, and that an Engine of the usual size be built at the Public Yard for Engine Company N° 28.

Respectfully offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that Engine N° 28 be granted to the Petitioners, inhabitants of Manhattan Ville, and that the Superintendant of Repairs is hereby authorised to build an Engine House of Wood for said Engine in the said village

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs is hereby autho[ri]sed to cause an Engine of the usual size to be built for Engine Company N° 28

John P Anthony
M Gelston

[243] Which was approved, and the Resolutions adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Hook and Ladder Company N° 3 reported

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the follow[i]ng resolution " Resolved that Five new Members be added to the Hook and Ladder Company N° 3.

Report that from a representation of the Company to your Committee they are satisfied that Three additional Men will be sufficient

Respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that Hook and Ladder Company N° 3, are hereby authorised to have three additional Men, to their present number

John P Anthony
M Gelston

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Philip Bowerhan, reported

[244] The Petition of Philip Bowerhan praying to be licensed as a Butcher and that a stand may be assigned him in Grand Street Market, having been referred to the Market Committee, they respectfully beg leave to report, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved that Philip Bowerhan be licensed as a Butcher, and that he be permitted to take one of the stands in Grand Street market.

Henry J Wyckoff
Isaac Emmons
Chas Town
Thos S Townsend
M Gelston

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of John A Martin reported

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John A Martin praying to be licensed, as a Butcher, and for [245] a stand in Greenwich Market, do recommend the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and offer the following resolution

Resolved *to* that John A Martin be licensed as a Butcher, and that he be permitted to take a stand in the Greenwich Market

Henry J Wyckoff
Isaac Emmons
Charles Town
Thos S Townsend
M Gelston

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of George Montgomery reported

The Petition of George Montgomery having been referred to the Market Committee they beg leave to recommend that he be licensed as a Butcher, and that the stand by him prayed for be granted. offer the following Resolution

Resolved that George Montgomery be licensed as a Butcher, and that the stand in the Fly Market for which he [246] Prays be granted him, provided it is not otherwise Let,

Henry J Wyckoff
Isaac Emmons
Chas Town
Thos S Townsend
M Gelston

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Canal Committee on the petition of Thomas L Ogden and others on the subject of Building a Sewer in Grand Street reported

The Canal Committee to whom was refered the Memorial and remonstrance of Thomas L Ogden and others against the Report of the Committee made on the 30th April last; and again praying that a sewer may be built in Grand Street from the intersection of Wooster Street to the Sewer now building in Thompson Street

Respectfully Report, that being sensible of the importance of this decision to the memorialists—they have given the subject due consideration and having received more information [247] than they formerly possessed respecting the situation of the Grounds intended to be bene-

fitted by the proposed sewer, they have been induced to report in favor thereof

Therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a sewer of Four feet diameter be built in Grand Street from the intersection of Wooster Street to the Sewer now building in Thompson Street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect, and present it forthwith

Geº B Thorp
Gerard DePeyster
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The Street Committee on the Petition of the Corporation of Columbia College respecting paving Murray Street reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William [248] Harris and Others, a Committee appointed by the Trustees of Columbia College on the subject of the side Walk in Murray Street from Church to Chapel Streets, respectfully Report.

That they have examined the contract between Columbia College and the Corporation filed in the Comptrollers office, dated the third day of September 1810, and whereas by the aforesaid Covenant in Consequence of Columbia College ceeding a part of their ground to widen Murray Street, the Corporation had agreed to put up a Wall and have the side walks laid with hard Brick or flat Stone, but the Side Walks not having been compleated agreeably to covenant, they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have the side walk in Murray Street from Church to Chapel Streets, adjacent to Columbia College, laid with bricks or [249] flagging

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Geº B Thorp
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee, on the Petition of John Smith, respecting the supposed encroachment of the Fence of Dr Mitchell Church, upon Augustus Street, Repo[r]ted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Smith relative to the railing in Augustus Street adjacent to Dr Mitchells Church, respectfully report

That they have examined the said railing, and find that it does not extend further on the Side Walks than the Law allows dwelling to erect a poarch or stoop, and they therefore are of opinion, the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, an[d] offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the [250] Petitioner

Francis Cooper
Geo B Thorp
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants residing near the Catholic Cathedral, for filling up certain Grounds, and a remonstrance against the same Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Langdon and Others, and the remonstrance of Andrew Jackson and Others, on the subject of filling up the hollow between Prince and Bleecker Street, and east side of Crosby Street. Respectfully report.

That they have carefully examined the hollow, contemplated to be filled up, and find neither Mott nor Mulberry Street yet ceeded to Bleecker Street, and therefore no permanent [251] Regulation, at present can be contemplated, and therefore are of opinion that it would [be] a Considerable injury to owners of Lots and particularly to those residing in the hollow, to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners, and therefore offer the following Resolution,

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The same Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Farmers of Kings, Queens and Richmond Counties Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John A Voorhees and others, said to be from the Counties of Kings Queens

and Richmond, and William M Hitchcock and Charles Dobbs, relative [252] to the Inspection of Manure

Respectfully Report That they had the same under consideration, and find the Legislature did pass a Law authorising the appointment of Inspectors for the Counties of Kings, Queens and Richmond, and wheras it appears that some Inspectors were appointed, but it has likewise been represented to your Committee that there are a number of places in the Countys of Kings and Queens, where there are no Inspectors, an[d] none in the County of Richmond, nor in Jersey, Westchester, and a number of other places, and no law authorising them to appoint any, and it is presumed that it is desirable for the Corporation to know the quantity collected and sold, it forming a part of the Revenue, and that information is received from the Inspectors only, who are under oath, make a return of the same, they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted, and offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the [253] Petitioners

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Geo B Thorp
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The Committee on assessments on the Petition of Mrs DeRussey reported

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of B V De Russy, Widow of Thomas De Russy deceased stating that on the 26th of April last the Collector of the 3rd Ward, demanded and received from the Petitioner $25, as the amount of Tax assessed for the year 1820, on the Personal property of her late Husband—That the distressed State of the petitioner, and her Family at that time, from the then recent death of Mr DeRussy prevented her from attending to the mistake made by the assessors, as will appear by their certificate hereunto annexed—The petitioner further states, that she is a foreigner, and totally unacquainted [254] with the English Language, and that her husband was absent at the time of, and knew nothing of the Assessment until the time for objections were passed, and prays the reimbursement of the difference between the sum actually paid, and the amount mentioned in the assessors Certificate

Report, That they have given the petitioners case a careful investigation, and are satisfied that the sum intended to have been assessed as

the value of Thomas DeRussy's personal property was $500 instead of $5000; and are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is just and reasonable and ought to be granted, and for the *the* purpose respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that a Warrant be reported in favor of Mrs B V De Russy for Twenty two dollars and fifty Cents, being the amount of relief which the petitioner is entitled to, for Tax overpaid in the Third Ward for the year 1820

Charles Town, Chr
[255] John P Anthony
John Bingham
Thomas Bolton
William Thorn

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on applications on the Petition of Abraham Laurence for appointment of City Weigher reported.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Laurence praying to be appointed one of our Public Weighers beg leave to report a resolution to that effect, granting the prayer of the petitioner

Resolved that Abraham Laurence be appointed a Public Weigher of the City of New York

John Bingham
Gerard DePeyster
M Gelston

which was approved and he was appointed accordingly

The Police Committee to whom [256] was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Banker Street reported

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of the Inhabitants resident in the vicinity of Banker Street was referred

Respectfully Report. That the Petitioners in their said Petition, complain that they are greatly disturbed on the Sabbath by the disorderly and riotous conduct of drunken vagrants, who either live along said street (principally between Catharine and Pike Streets) or such as are in the habit of frequenting there in large numbers. They also complain of the great number of dram or Tipling shops in said Street kept open on that day, and of the disgusting and demoralizing scenes which often occur, and pray for the aid of the Corporation

Your Committee are satisfied that the complaint made by the petitioners is not without foundation, and they are of opinion, that it would

be proper to appoint two Officers to attend there on Sundays [257] to aid the constituted authority in keeping the peace, and to preserve order and the due observance of the Laws,

The Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint two officers in conformity with this report, and to fix their compensation; and that they be continued in that duty during the pleasure of the Mayor, and no longer

George B Thorp
Henry Mead
Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
M Gelston

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, upon the petition respecting White Hall Slip, reported

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips, to whom was referred the Petition of John Johnson and others praying that White Hall Slip might [258] be cleared out.

Report, that your Committee has had the subject under their particular consideration and are of the opinion that it would be very improper to have the said work done, at this warm season of the year, therefore offer the following resoluton

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Asa Mann
M Gelston
Thos S Townsend

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner, respecting Bulkhead in West Street reported

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred a Communication from the [259] Street Commissioner respecting that part of West Street lying between Harrison and North Moore Streets ought to be made, and the Lots filled up

Report, that they have examined the subject and are of opinion that said Street ought to be made, and the Lots filled up

Therefore propose the following Resolution

Resolved that West Street be made, and the Lots filled up and regulated between Harrison and Beach Street, and that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance to that effect

Isaac Emmons
J Hammond
Asa Mann
M Gelston

which was approved and the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreably thereto, which was passed

The Watch Committee, on the Petition of the Watchmen of the 1st District praying payment of the Balance due them retained by Captain Anderson, late of said Watch district [260] Reported

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the assistant and the Watchmen of the first district, now under the Command of Captain Walter, late Captain Anderson, on the ninth inst. praying for a balance due them and detained from them by the said Captain Anderson

Report, that they have examined the subject contained in that Petition and do find that there is a balance of twenty five dollars and fifty Cents due the Petitioners detained from them, when under the Command of Captain Anderson, late Captain of that district. and for the purpose of extinguishing the said balance due the said Petitioners, the Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that a Warrant issue for Twenty five dollars and fifty Cents in favor of Thomas Walton, Captain of the 1st Watch district, for the purpose of paying the balance due the Watchmen of that district, when [261] under the command of the late Captain Anderson

Asa Mann
Fras Cooper
Chas Town
Abr Valentine

Which was approved and a Warrant was directed to issue, for the payment of the same

The same Committee on the petition of the Captains of the City Watch of the 1st District, in relation to their Watch Caps and for establishing other Watch stations reported

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the communication of Captains Walton and Leek of the first Watch district on the Ninth

Instant stating that a number of new Caps are necessary and that many of them want repair

Report, that in their opinion it is expedient to cause painted Plates to be worn, by the watch men of that district, on the front of their own hats in lieu of such of their caps as are [262] defective, or by such of them as may prefer Plates to the use of Caps,

The Committee recommend that they be authorised to substitute the use of similar Plates in all the Watch Districts instead of Caps

The Committee also Report, that it is expedient to have an additional Watch Post appointed in the first District

Resolved, That the Watch Committee be empowered to cause a painted plate to be worn by each man on the front of his own Hat, when on duty, whose cap is defective, and by all who may prefer their own Hats with a plate thereon, such as the Committee may devise, instead of wearing the Cap now in use

Resolved, That the Watch Committee be empowered to cause one additional Watch Post to be appointed in the first Watch District

Asa Mann
Fra^{s} Cooper
Charles Town
John Bingham
Abr Valentine

[263] Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Isaac Noble reported

The Committee of Charity to whom the petition of Isaac Noble was referred stating that, some time since a fine of Ten Dollars and costs was recovered against him for refusing to remove the carcase of a Dead Dog out of the Street, when ordered, so to do, and praying the fine may be remitted

Report, they have had his case before them, and believe he was ignorant of the Law, but as many cases of this kind occur, and the Public pays annually a Considerable sum for the removal, owing to the difficulty of ascerta[in]ing the owners, they think generally the Penalty should be enforced, but as this person asks on account of Poverty, they would recommend that one half of the fine be remitted

Resolved that the attorney of the Board discharge Isaac Noble on payment of one half of the above penalty and Costs

[264] Shivers Parker,
Tho^{s} Bolton
W^{m} H Ireland

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Thomas B Marsh Reported

The Committee of Charity to whom the Petition of Thomas B Marsh was refered stating that he was fined for selling a small glass of liquor on Sunday

Report that from the information they have obtained it does not appear that he has paid any part of the penalty a Compromise having taken place between the parties, they think him not entitled to relief, they beg leave to submit the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioner is not entitled to relief

Respectfully

Shivers Parker
Thos Bolton
Wm H Ireland

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[265] The Police Committee, on the Petition of David Lynar, reported

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of David Lynar was referred

Respectfully Report, that the Petitioner in his said Petition states that he and his Brother were indicted and tried at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held in this City for keeping a Gambling House, and each of them fined in the sum of One Hundred Dollars, which fine they alledge has been paid, that this fine together with the costs attending the prosecution, and the losses they have sustained in consequence of those prosecutions, amount altogether to near Five Hundred Dollars. That the Petitioner is now sued by the Attorney of this Board on his recognizance, which he alledges he is unable to pay, and prays that said suit may be discontinued, and he discharged from his recognizance.

Your Committee have given this case a very careful hearing, and the more they have inquired into its merits, the stronger has been their conviction that they Petitioner, has not any claim on this Board for relief.

[266] The House kept by the Petitioner was a Gambling House, and a corrupt place of resort for apprentice Boys and young Men, they are satisfied that no relief whatever ought to be afforded: The Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

Thos Bolton
M Gelston
Geo B Thorp
Shivers Parker
Henry Mead

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of James Swan, reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Swan seeking a reduction of the Ground Rent on the two Lots demised to him by the Common Council in Pearl Street being Lots Numbers 453 and 455,

Respectfully Report, that the Ground Rent of the two Lots in [267] question, is said, to be Six Hundred and Eighty Dollars per annum, and that there is a considerable period of the term unexpired; and although the rent reserved may seem pretty high now. yet at the time the Lots were leased, the Rent was no doubt a fair one. Your Committee cannot therefore perceive any Ground, on which to justify a compliance with the request of the memorialist they therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petition

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of Hezekiah B Pierpont reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hezekiah B Pierpont. praying leave [268] *leave* to surrender his water grant at Brooklyn, in order to avoid the payment of the Rent until such time as he should have occasion to use the same and that, then he might be permitted to renew it.

Respectfully beg leave to Report that it appears to them that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, they therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of James Amory reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Amory representing, that he is the owner of [269] two Five Acre Lots of Ground in fee, and two on lease on the commons fronting on the Fifth Avenue, and praying to be permitted either to exchange or purchase the two lots on lease,

Respectfully, Report that in the opinion of the Committee, the exchange would be prejudicial to the Public interest, and as to selling the two lots on lease, they think that the practice of selling the Public Lands, (or Common) ought not to be tolerated but upon great necessity, in as much as it tends to dry up the sources of Public Revenue and to impoverish the Corporation, they therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[270] Alderman Wyckoff, presented for the Consideration of the Board, sundry Resolutions in relation to regulations respecting Butter, the assize of Bread, the Markets, the cleansing the Street, and other things relative to the Police of the City, which were referred, and they were directed to be printed for the use of the Members and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Alderman Wyckoff Ald. Hammond Ald Gelston and Mr Parker and Mr Ireland

Alderman Emmons presented a resolution directing that part of the Public square next to Centre Market be paved, and a Shed built for the Market Women, which was referred to the Market Committee.

Mr Cooper moved, that the Board now proceed to consider his motion of last meeting for the appointment of a Committee of the Alms House after some discussion, the question being taken, on the appointment of such Committee, it passed in the negative

[271] The Ayes and Noes, having been called by Alderman Mann were as follows

Noes Mr Recorder Ald Wyckoff Townsend Gelston Bingham Thorp Hammond Mr Bolton Valentine Ireland Town

Ayes Aldn Mann Emmons Mr Crane Parker Thorn Cooper Mead

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 9 Inst		1162.88
Received for Tax 2. 6. 8. 9. 10 Wards		7800.
	Streets	2939.45
	Rents	2262.15
	Tavern Licenses	886.90
	Lamps	387.85
	Justices Courts 4 6 Wards	190.26
	Commutation Alien Passengers	180.
	Mayoralty Fees	118.50
[272]	Wells & Pumps	104.
		$16031.99

23 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	981.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do	414.75
J Fleming 1 Qr Salary 19th Inst	104.
J C Shaw Wine for 4th July	150.
J Ritchie Preparing Ammunition for Troops	86.12
J Randel Jr 7 Maps of the City	47.25
H W Peckwell Collector 2d Ward and Commission on Property of the Corporation at Fulton Market Ground	6.57
Sayre & Force Balance for Engine No 25	508.
H Waterberry Work at Mud Machine 10 dys	70.50
H Smith filling Lots, by Order of the City Inspector, Lien to Estate of C G Miller	108.16
H Smith filling Lot on Orange St by order of do	10.
J Thomas fencing Lot do do	4.52
R D Hutchings Earth to Spring St Wharf and Duane Street Market	11. 6
T Lovett Acct Regulating Canal St	1500.
Higgins & Parks Acct regulating Lombardy St	500.
C Mooney, balance paving Sullivan St	90.30
H Smith Pavg Int Bayard & Orange St	42.93
[273] J Culbert Award for Harman St	7.00
H Voorhees balance for a well Augustus St	29.75

J P Roome Sup Repairs for repairs	1100.
do do for Docks & Slips	300.
R Furman Sup. Alms House	8000.
	14714.35
Balance	$1317.64

Board Adjourned to this day Two Weeks

[274] In Common Council August 6th 1821

Present The Hon[l] Stephen Allen Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abraham Valentine
Maltby Gelston	Benjn Crane
John P Anthony	Charles Town
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	William Thorn
Isaac Emmons	Francis Cooper
George B Thorp	Gerard De Peyster
Judah Hammond	Henry Mead

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from the following Persons stating that their hogs had been taken up in the Streets, under the Law respecting Swine, and carried to the Alms House for the use of the Poor agreeably to said Law, that they [275] are Poor Persons, and the Animals necessary for the support of their Families and praying they may be restored to them, which was Read, and were referred to the Police Committee.

The Petitioners were Andrew Cauldwell, Mary Boyle, Peter Ramsay, Eliza Moobry, Mary Ader Helen McGuire, Benjamin Ogden. Catharine Brannen, Stephen McIlroy, Daniel Nolton.

A Representation from Alexander Wiley to the Street Commissioner in relation to an assessment laid upon a House No 119 Harman Street, as being the property of Henry Gifford, stating that said House was the Property of the heirs of Edmund Roberts to whose last Will and Testament he was Executor and praying a delay in the collection of the Assessment which was read and refered to the Finance Committee with Authority to grant the request

A Petition was received from John Munn stating that he had been assessed upon certain Lots belonging to him, for the expense of the

Minetto sewer, and also upon property not belonging unto him; and praying that [276] the assessment may be apportioned and he charged for the assessment on the Property owned by him, which was referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition of Edwin Baldwin for relief from a personal Tax laid upon him, he being at the time the Tax was assessed a non resident of this City was read and referred to the Committee on assessments

A Petition for a well and a Pump between Stanton and Rivington Streets.

For One the Corner of Grand and Orange Streets and For One in Cherry Street near Rutgers Slip was severally read and reffered to the Alderman and Assistants of the respective Wards, and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of Jacob Stout Junr to be relieved from Personal Tax assessed on him for the Year 1820 in the Fifth Ward, He having been assessed and paid Personal Tax for that year in the 4th Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[277] A Petition of the Trustees of the Congregation of Sherath Israel praying a further time for payment of an assessment was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from Margaret Romaine stating that there was a mistake in the assessment laid on her for paving and regulating First Street and also requesting further time for payment of the sum due, as the title of the Property was now in litigation, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments: and Authority was *was* given them to grant an indulgence as to the time of payment

A Petition of John Quin was received stating, that there are several unadjusted accounts for money due to him in the Street Commissioners department and praying they may be adjusted. Was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Frankfort Street, praying that said Street from Nassau to Van de Water Street [278] And the Side Walks of the same may be regulated and paved, was referred to the Street Committee

A Request of John Vanderlyn for an advance to him of $150 on account for the Portrait of the President of the United States (James Monroe) which he is now painting for the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the request

A Petition of Abraham Brewer Inn Keeper for relief from Penalty incurred by permitting Gambling in his House, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Walter Van Winkle for relief from a Personal Tax assessed on him, he belonging to the Corps of Artillery in this City and therefore exempt by Law from said Tax, and a Similar Petition from Jacob Reill, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Frederick Watk[i]ns for relief from an undue assessment [279] on him for Personal Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of John Wintringham for relief from a Penalty recovered against him for demanding higher fees than allowed by Law on a Distress for rent the Jury who tried the case having recommended him to the lenity of the Board, was referred to the Committee on Laws

A Memorial of John H Remsen who was bound in a recognizance that Mary Ann Talman should leave the State and not return again in Two Years, and stating that said Mary Ann did leave the State in pursuance of her sentence, but returned before the expiration of the time limited in consequence of the advice given to her by her Counsel at Law and praying that he may be relieved from the Penalty incurred by him thereby was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition was received from David Rogers for permission to construct a vault, in front of his House N° 79 Warren [280] Street from John C Totten, for one in front of his House N° 9 Bowery and from John Conrey for two vaults in White Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Michael Galway Dirt Carman for remission of Fine incurred for not having the Tail Board of his Cart, of the height directed by Law, was referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to remit the Penalty.

A Petition of John Smocch, Butcher for Stall N° 34 Catharine Market, and of Joseph Hill for stall N° 28 Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Joseph Tomes for appointment as an Inspector of Fire Wood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Elihu S Bunker praying that a place may be assigned to him, at some one of the Public [281] Wharves, for the Steam Boat Enterp[r]ize, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Memorial from a number of Proprietors of Ground, and Inhabitants affected by the proposed extension of Beekman Street praying that the plan respecting the opening of the same, which was first

adopted may be immediately carried into effect, was Read and referred to the Committee on Finance

A Petition of Tucker & Woodruff. Contractors for the Mason Work of Fulton Market for an advance of $5000, on the contract, and a Petition from Philitus H Woodruff Contractor for the Carpenters work of said Markt also requesting an advance of $5000 on his Contract, were referred to the Finance Committee, with Authority to report Warrants in their favor

A Verbal Invitation to his Honor the Mayor from the President and Trustees of Columbia College, to attend the Annual Commencement of said College [282] to-morrow, at 10 clock, accompanied by tickets of admission for the familees of the members, was stated by the Mayor and it was resolved, the Board accept the said Invitation

A Petition of Lewis Valloo for further time for payment of an assessment for opening Harman Street was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the request

A Petition of Eleanor Fitzpatrick for further time for payment of an assessment for opening Harman Street was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the request

A Petition of Rodman Bowne, Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, stating the necessity of extending the Pier on the South Westerly side of Catharine Slip, as formerly intended, was referred to the Committee on Wharves. Piers and Slips

A Memorial of the Journeyman [283] Bakers of the City, stating that by the present regulations of their Employers they are compelled to work, on Sundays which they consider is improper, in a Moral and religious point of view as well as an unnecessary labour on them, and praying that a Law may be passed granting them relief. And a memorial from some of the Master Bakers of the City, sanctioning the said application of the Journeymen, were read and referred to the Committee on Laws

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine N° 1.

Edward Hatfield Cartman 12 Walker St 5th Ward Vice Samuel H Harrison Expelled

George Concklin House Carpenter 51 White St 5th Ward Vice Millard Coddington Expelled

William D Craig House Carpenter 10 Anthony St 5 Ward Vice Henry Riker time Expired

N° 4

Thomas Fairbairn Chair Maker 33 John St 2d Wd Vice Ellison C Scott Resigned

[284] N° 21

John S Moore Clerk 200 Chatham St 6th Ward Vice John Hyatt Resigned

N° 29

Jacob G Day Lock Smith Christopher St 9th Ward Vice Ge° B Thorp time Expired

Henry Day Lock Smith Christopher St 9 Ward Vice Peter Traphagan time Expired

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for corecting Nuisances Viz

N° 1	Henry Rutgers	Owner	Harman St	A Lot
2	Jn° Batchelor	do	Varick "	do
3	Josh Renville	do	do	do
4	G Haviland	do	Bedford	do
5	S Reeves	Agent	Cherry	do
6	R W Griffiths	Lessee	Chapel	do
7	C Meeks	Owner	Howard	do
8	T Knox	Agent	Grand	do
9	R Watts	do	Fly Market	do
10	do	do	Front Street	do
11	do	do	do	do
12	do	do	Fly Market	do
13[285]	do	do	do	do
14	do	do	do	do
15	do	do	do	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of George B Smith for appointment of City Surveyor reported

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of George B Smith, praying to be appointed a City Surveyor

Respectfully Reports, that there are now seven City Surveyors in practice, which is a number fully sufficient to do all the Business. But the Petitioner is one, who has accomplished himself for that profession, and has acquired much useful information, add[ed] to which his Industry, accuracy and Methodical manner of doing Business will enable him to become a valuable surveyor, and tend to keep up the

respectability of an office, which is becoming of more and more consequence to our City

[286] The Undersigned would therefore recommend Mr Smith as a very suitable person for that appointment.

which is respectfully submitted

Jno McComb Street Com.

which was approved and he was appointed accordingly

He also presented an assessment for paving the Intersection of Varick and Canal Streets, which was confirmed, and M Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented an assessment for regulating Lispenard Street between Broad Way and Church Street, which was confirmed, and John G Betts was appointed Collector

He also presented a Corrected Assessment (an Error having been discovered in the former) for Regulating Lombardy Street from Clinton to Walnut Street, which was Confirmed, and the former Collector J G Betts continued

[287] He also presented, an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Orange Street opposite Franklin Street, which was passed and Abraham Dally, Francis Peckwell and Benjamin Prince were appointed assessors

Upon the report of the Street Commissioner John Salisbury, was appointed assessor in the place of David Board, in an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Harman Street passed 25th June last, and Isaac Kip was appointed Assessor in the place of David Board in an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Banker Street, passed 9th July last

The Following Communication was received from the clerk of the Common Council

The Clerk of the Common Council has the Honor to transmit herewith a return of the names of the Persons, holding the offices of Measurers of Grain &c and of Inspectors of Lumber, who have agreeably to the Resolution of the Common Council of the 25th June last reported themselves at his office,

respectfully submitted

J Morton
Clerk of Common Council

[288] Names of Measurers of Grain, Reported

Charles Uddal	Frederick Maybie
William Freeman	Jacob Brinckerhoff
John Wright	Lewis Smith
William Pearsall	Isaac *Syers* [Sayrs]

Thomas Fardon	Josiah Smith
William Johnston	Samuel C Wessells
Saml W Disbrow	Wm Frost
Caleb Sutton	Andrew Boden
Edward Webb	Joseph Earle
Bajamin Werk	Abraham Cole
Robert Thorburn	Israel Underhill
Jasper E Ruckle	Benjamin Clark
John B Langdon	Walter W Townsend
John Langdon	John Brient
Aaron Howel	Nicholas Campbell
Samuel Bleecker Jun	Saml Johnston
Samuel Bleeker	Abel Smith
Jacob Mabie	Isaac Auld

Peter R Pearsall

Measurers of Charcoal

John Vark	William Anderson
John Hoginkamp	Abr Day

Signed J Morton clerk
Common Council

[289] Names of Inspectors of Lumber Reported

Charles Ross	William Guest
James Hallett	Abr M Valentine
Thomas Brown	Simon Ackerman

J Morton
Clerk Com Council

which was ordered to be filed, and he was directed to furnish to the Committee on Public Offices, a list of the Persons Reported as holding the office of Inspectors of Lumber

The Counsel presented for execution a Water Grant to Abijah Hammond prepared in pursuance of an Order of the Board, whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed

The Committee on Applications to whom was referred the Petition of John Duffy, for the appointment of Guager reported

The Committee on Applications to whom was referred the Petition of [290] John Duffy, for the appointment of Guager

Report that they have had the said petition under consideration, and having obtained information that has been deemed satisfactory, they respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that John Duffy be, and hereby is appointed a Public Guager in and for the City of New York

M Gelston
Gerard De Peyster

The Special Committee, consisting of the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward to whom had been referred the Petition of Joseph Girard reported

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Giraud, having intimated to the Petitioner that he would not be permitted, to continue the Hoistings of his Buildings in Pine Street in the way they then were, he immediately had them altered, so as to make them in conformity to Law

From the declaration of the [291] Petitioner, and from his standing in Society, the Alderman and Assistant, have no doubt of his sincerity, when he says that he caused the erection of the Hoistings under an entire belief that he was not in the violation of any Law—In consideration of his having used only one of them for the purpose of hoisting a few Empty Barrels, and the promptness with which he has corrected the evil complained of the Alderman and Assistant recommend that the Penalty incurred by the Petitioner be remitted they therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Penalty incurred by Joseph Giraud for an infraction of the Law " To regulate the raising and lowering of Merchand[i]ze " be remitted on payment of Costs

Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on Public Offices on the Petition of John Edwards Reported

[292] The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of John Edwards Scale Beam Maker, praying to be relieved from the oppression of the City Sealer, in refusing to Seal his Beams and Weights, also threatening to impose a fine of $25 on all persons using them

Respectfully Report, that they have given the subject, that attention, which in the opinion of your Committee, it merited, and also a patient investigation, in the presence of the parties, they are decidedly of an opinion, that the only difference between them is no more than might have existed between Mr Simpson and any other scale Beam Maker

Your Committee have found nothing in the course of their examination, to alter their opinion in relation to the duty of the Sealer, But on the contrary are more fully confirmed in the belief formerly entertained of the indispensible necessity, that such an officer should

exist Your Committee believe that no scale Beam Maker, has yet arrived to that degree of perfection as not to Err

"To Err is Human"

[293] They would beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution Viz

Resolved, that in the Opinion of your Committee, the Sealer has acted in conformity to his Oath, as a Public Officer, and ought to be supported, Inasmuch as a Salutary check appears to be necessary

Respectfully submitted
by the Committee
B Crane Ch[n]
Fra[s] Cooper
Henry Mead
William Thorn

which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on assessments on the Petition of Joseph Wallis reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Wallis, in which he states, that the Assessors for the 1[st] Ward, in making out their assessment of Personal Property for the year 1820, assessed him as being worth $2000. He Further states that he was out of Town, when the Books were open for alteration, and therefore, had not an opportunity of having the amount corrected, [294] that his personal property is not worth more than $500, which fact he has established to the satisfaction of the Assessors as their certificate will fully shew, and prays that relief may be granted agreeably to this Certificate

Report, that they have had this subject under examination, and are satisfie*l*d, that the petitioner has been assessed too much, and that owing to absence, at the time allowed by Law for the correction of errors, he was debarred the opportunity of having the mistake altered, they are therefore of opinion, that the p[r]ayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and for that purpose respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Collector of the arrears of Taxes be instructed to receive from Joseph Wallis Tax on $500. in lieu of $2000. in full for personal Tax, in the first Ward for the year 1820 with Interest

Charles Town Ch
Tho[s] Bolton
John P Anthony
William Thorn

[295] which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Cornelius DuBois, reported

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Cornelius DuBois, complaining that he had been assessed for personal Tax, in two Wards, Viz. in the 1st Ward where he did not reside, and in the 10th where he did actually reside, at the time the respective assessments were made, That from the written opinion of the Counsel of the Board, he is fully pursuaded that he is legally bound to pay personal Tax in the 10th Ward where he still resides, and not in the First Ward, and prays relief in the premises

Report, that on an examination of this case, they find that the Petitioner removed from the 1st to the 10th Ward on the 12th of May last, and that he usually resides in the latter Ward until the Month of October, and then returns to his house in the 1st Ward, which from his own Confession he considers his domicil. The assessors knowing [296] that the petitioner resided in the 1st Ward, at least 7 Months out of 12, did consider that, his permanent place of residence, and assessed him accordingly Their Construction of the Law is, that it was intended every person should be assessed and pay personal Tax at his domicil, and that a transient residence in an Other Ward would not exonerate him from paying personal Tax in that in which he usually resided. Your Committee's construction of the Law on this subject coincides, with that of the assessors, they are therefore of opinion that the Petitioner is bound to pay the Tax assessed on his personal property in the 1st Ward, and that he ought to be relieved from paying in the 10th and for that purpose respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved—that the Collector of the 10th Ward be instructed to decline collecting the Tax assessed on the personal property of Cornelius DuBois for the present year, and that he return the same in the list of errors and Insolvencies of said ward

[297] Charles Town Ch
Thomas Bolton
John P Anthony
William Thorn

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the petition of John Andariese reported

The Committee on assessments to whom was referred the petition of John Andariese, complaining that he had been assessed $16 25/100 for a Well and Pump in First Street, and that as his property was

more than half way to Second Street he did not conceive that according to the usual mode pursued in such cases, that he ought to pay any part of said assessment, and prays relief

Report that they have had the petitioner and the assessors before them, together with a plan of the assessment, and on a careful investigation of the subject are fully satisfied that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the [298] Petitioner ought not to be granted

Charles Town Ch
Thomas Bolton
John P Anthony
William Thorn

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom had been referred a Petition of James Jenkins and others to place a small sewer from the Corner of Sullivan and Grand Streets to the sewer in Thompson Street reported.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Jenkins and others for permission to put a small sewer from the Corner of Sullivan and Grand Streets, to the Sewer in Thompson Street respectfully Report,

That they have examined, the corner of Sullivan and Grand Streets, and see no objection for the petitioners to be permitted to have a sewer laid down from the northwest corner of Grand and Sullivan Streets to meet the sewer in Thompson Street, and are therefore of opinion that the prayer [299] of the Petitioners ought to be granted and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that James Jenkins and others be authorized to lay a sewer from the Corner of Sullivan and Grand Street to intersect the sewer in Thompson Street with Brick, under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Francis Cooper
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo B Thorp

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the petition to pave Eldridge Street Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of

Charles Lawton and Others relative to paving Eldridge Street from Grand to Broome Street

Respectfully Report, that the Committee have carefully examined Eldridge from Grand to Broome Streets, and believe it would be a public benefit to have that part of Eldridge Street paved, and the side Walks regulated, and are of opinion that the [300] Prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have Eldridge from Grand to Broome Streets, paved and the side walks regulated

Fra^{s} Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Ge^{o} B Thorp

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of James Gourlay to be permitted to sell by Auction in Chatham Square Reported

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Gourlay for permission to sell at public auction in front of his House N^{o} 171 Chatham Street

Respectfully Report, that they have had the same under consideration and find that others are permitted to sell in the same square, they therefore are of opinion that the [301] prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that James Gourlay be authorised to sell at public auction in front of his house N^{o} 171 Chatham Square, subject however to the same rules, and regulations as other Auctioneers in the same place

Francis Cooper
Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Ge^{o} B Thorp

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

His Honor the Mayor, stated that he thought it would be attended with Considerable public utility to have a special Law to regulate each market in the City, he had therefore drafted a law for the regulation of the market now erecting at Fulton Street, which he submitted for the consideration of the Board,

whereupon the same was referred to the Market Committee, to be printed for the use of the Members

[302] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury July 23d	1317.64
Recd for Tax 1. 2. 3. 6. 7. 8. 9 Wards	12869.33
" Streets	3484.81
" Rents	5770.68
" Vendue Sales	2500.
" Fines &c from Sheriff	775. 6
" Justices Cou[r]ts	686.38
" House Rent	280.
" Excise	170.
" Commutation Alien Passengers	145.
" Mayoralty Fees	144.
" Wells & Pumps	110.60
" Police office Fines	67.
	$28322.50

52 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	1001.25
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	414.75
Thomas Walton Cap 1st dist to pay Watchmen when under Capt Anderson balance	25.50
R Furman Supt Alms House & officers 1 Qr Sal	537.50
W Hoghland Keeper of Penitentiary & 3 assistants "	537.50
R Graves Asst Street Commissioner	337.50
J Morton Clerk of Com. Council	275.
[303] G Sickels Keeper of City Prison & 2 Deputies	400.
W J Waldron asst City Inspector 1 Mo	45.50
O Ayres do	45.50
S Hutchings Street Inspector	54.25
J Pinckeney do	54.25
A Ackerman do	54.25
J Burger Regulating 4 Public Clocks 1 Qr	50.
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 Mo	52.
D H Magee Keeper Potters field	38.75
C Gilman do Battery	34.88
A McCready do Park	34.87
J Hammond Asst Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr	400.
E *Marell* [Morril] do 4. 6	400.
M Cunningham do 5. 8	400.
H Scovill do 7. 10	400.
J L Pell clerk do 1. 2. 3	187.50
E Burling do do 4. 6	187.50
G Betts do do 5. 8	187.50
W H Smith do do 7. 10	187.50
N Bartlett 1 Qr Rent Court 4. 6 Wards	25.
O Ayres Asst City Insp. removg nuisances 1 Qr	24.37
G L Birch Printing 1 Qr	314.

N Phillips Scription to National Advocate 6 mos	50.
D Lyon Hose & repairs to Engines 15th March to 14th July	580.16
W Rupell Painting Engines 10. 40. 42	48.
[304] N Comstock 10 Casks Oil	698.45
G Snethen Supg & Lightg Lamps 1 Mo	681.70
J Doughty Collector 9th Ward Tax remitted R Riker	34.
Mrs B V De Russy Tax overpaid in 3d Ward 1820	22.50
J Fleming Treas to pay balance of Taxes due State	188.54
J McComb Street Comr for making & repg Roads	500.
R Pettigrew Acct Well in Harman St	40.59
F Yoemans & J Williams bal filling Canal St basin	2951.61
J Lovett Acct Pavg Grand St from Arundel to E R	500.
do " Sewer Chapel Street betwn Thomas & Frank[lin]	400.
J Meghan Acc Pavg Harman St	300.
T Lovett " " Chapel St from Thomas to Franklin	250.
A H Mooney A " Eldridge St	100.
H Smith pavg Intersection Market & Cheapside St & filling public Ground at Collect	28.80
C Mooney sundry Repairs at Streets Washington Mrk	11.37
H Smith Bal pavg Washington Str fr Cedar to Cortland	150.68
J P Roome Supt Repairs for Docks & Slips	723.34
P H Wendover chn Com. Com Schools for 1820	7376.61
R Furman Supt Alms House	5000.
	$27988.72
Balance	333.78

Board Adjourned to this day 2 Weeks.

[305] In Common Council Aug 20th 1821

Present The Hon Stephen Allen Mayor Presidt
R Riker Esq Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Thos S Townsend	Abr Valentine
John P Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Bingham	Charles Town
Robt McQueen	William Thorn
Asa Mann	Francis Cooper
Isaac Emmons	Gerard De Peyster
George B Thorp	Henry Mead
Judah Hammond	

The minutes of the last meeting were Read and approved.

A Report was received from the Keeper of the Bride Well, of the Prisoners confined therein on the 20th Instant, which was directed to be filed

[*] A Petition from William C Rhinelander for a vault in Broad Way between grand and B[r]oome Streets was referred to the Alderman of Ward and Assistant do and Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms upon the dimensions being specified agreeably to the directions of the Law respecting vaults

A similar Petition from Lewis Hamersly for a Vault at N° 55 Murray Street, had a similar reference,
and A Petition from John Rathbone to construct a Vault opposite N° 62 Fulton Street, and of Amos Corning *Corning* to construct a Cistern in Vestry Street were referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms

A Petition that Goerck Street may be Opened, from Stanton Street to North Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William Eaton for the appointment of Inspector of Firewood.

A simalar petition of James Grilman and a recommendation from several Carmen in favor of J Tornes for said appointment were referred to the [307] Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants against a Glass manufactory owned by M^r Hornby was referred to the Board of Health

A Petition from a number of Owners of Lots on Water Street, praying that said street between Market and Catharine Street, may be now made of the intended width by filling up the Slip 100 feet from the present Bulkhead, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Complaint of Hugh M^cCormick of unreasonable detention at Paules. Hook Ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the proposed repairing of Frankfort Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Pitt Street may be regulated and paved from Grand to Division Street was referred to the Street Committee

[308] A Petition from Inhabitants residing in Grand Street near the Essex Market complaining of the narrowness of the Street on the sides of the Market, and praying that Ground may be purchased on the Northerly side of Grand and Essex Street and a market erected thereon, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the Southernly part of the City was received, stating that, when the intended Removal of the Fly Market shall take place, they will be put to great inconvenience

* New page not numbered.—ED.

unless accomodated with another market nigher to them, and praying a market may be erected at the Old Slip.
was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from William Crawbuck for relief from Penalty incurred by selling meat out of the regular market was read and referred to the Market Committee with authority to remit the Penalty and a further Petition from William [309] Crawbuck to be permitted to sell Meat at a Stall in Collect Street between Pearl and Anthony Streets, was referred to the same Committee

A Petition was received from Dominick Lynch stating that in October last petitioner with Others presented a petition to the Corporation that White Street might be opened from Elm to Orange Streets, that on the 13th of November last the Corporation resolved that they would accept from Petitioner a cession of Ground for opening said Street, and that when such cession was made the Counsel should be directed to take the necessary Measures for opening said Street. That Petitioner in December last accordingly executed a cession of said ground and he now prays measures may be taken for immediately opening said Street, which was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Isaac Fountain for relief from Personal Tax, he belonging to the 1st Brigade of Artillery, and therefore exempt therefrom, was read and referred to the Committee on assessments, with authority [310] to grant the request

A Petition from Thomas M Collins for relief from Costs incurred and Fine imposed, on him, on a prosecution against him, for removing a person from the Grass part of the Park he being a Marshall, and employed by the Mayor to keep order in the Park, was read and referred to the Police Committee with powers

A Petition of James Whelply to be allowed Rent for the first quarter for the Room occupied by the Justices Court of 1st 2d & 3d Wards, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Hamilton praying that some Hogs belonging to him which were taken up running in the Street contrary to Law may be restored to him, was referred to the Police Committee
a Similar petition from Sally Center and one from William Coon, were referred to the same Committee

[311] A Petition of Robert S Robertson Executor of Alexander Robertson Deceased, stating that a mistake has been made in the assessment of Tax on the Property of Testator in 9th Ward and

praying relief was referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to grant the relief prayed for

A Petition of Sundry owners of Lots on Washington Street praying that said Street may be paved between Watts and Spring Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Sundry Owners on Pearl Street praying that the side walks on the Southerly side may, as has been intended, be flagged without delay was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Michael OConnor Sexton of S^{t} Patricks Cathedral praying that a Prosecution against him for irregular interments in the burial place of said Cathedral, may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Police Committee

[312] A Further Petition of the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of S^{t} Patricks Cathedral, complaining of the sunken situation of the Grounds which is made a deposite for all kinds of Filth and recommending as the only remedy, that the said grounds may be filled up was read and referred to the following Special Committee Viz Ald^{n} Emmons M^{r} Town Ald Anthony M^{r} Parker Ald Townsend

A Request of the Special Justices that the Keeper of the City Hall may be directed to purchase fuel for their office at the same time, that he makes purchases for the Corporation was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Francis Proctor for remission of Taxes assessed on her, she being in very indigent circumstances, and unable to pay the same, was referred to the Committee of Charity with power to grant relief.

[313] A Letter from Peter R Livingston dated Rhinebeck August 5th 1821, and

One from Thomas Tillotson dated same place 15th August, both remonstrating against the opening of Beekman Street on the proposed straight line, were read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from the Trustees of the Town of Brooklyn, stating that they were desirous of improving Water Street in Town of Brooklyn, and are desirous of concerting measures for that purpose with the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James D Bissott to be appointed deputy clerk of the market erecting at Fulton Slip, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication was received from John Fleming Esq Treasurer of the City stating that there was a balance of Tax collected in 8th Ward amounting to $1253 $^{27}/_{100}$ which had not been paid into the

Treasury, the same being understood to have been received by the late Collector [314] Robert Murdon, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from the New York Historical Society, that a part of the Pale Fence now removing from the Park in front of the City Hall, may be granted to them for the purpose of inclosing the yard in front of the Building occupied by them, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Request from the Treasurer of the Free School Society for payment of $1000 in conformity with the act of the Legislature passed 27 February 1807 granting $1000 annually and also $500 granted by a subsequent act passed the 30th March 1811, total sum $1500, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Moon to hire the Engine House occupied by number 8 which he understands will be soon vacant was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Henry Abel was [315] received, stating that he was purchasor in fee from the Corporation of Lot No 62, Collect Lots, that a difference respecting the title to a part of the ground exists between him and Dominick Lynch, which he prays may be enquired into, and if possible settled by a Committee of the Board

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from a number of owners of Lands on Harlem Heights in the vicinity of the 9 Mile Stone against granting the prayer of a petition which they understand is about to be presented for opening the 10th Avenue was read and ordered to lie on the Table it was afterwards directed to be referred to the Road Committee

A Petition from a number of owners and inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Nine Mile Stone, praying that the Road between Manhattanville and the Junction of the Albany Post Road and Bloomingdale may be repaired, was read and referred to the Road Committee

[316] A Petition for a well and Pump at the Corner of Broome and Mercer Streets and for a Lamp at that place

Also A Petition for a Well and Pump in Pitt Street, between Broome and Grand Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and the Street Commissioner, to report Ordinances therefor, the part of the Petition for a Lamp at the Corner of Broome and Mercer Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Complaint from Issachar Cozzens and James Seaman Inspectors

of Manure against Samuel Jones one of the Inspectors of Manure, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Memorial was received from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Fly Market stating that daily after Market hours there is a collection of vagrants making disturbances and greatly annoying the Inhabitants and praying some remedy, was read whereupon Alderman Hammond [317] presented a Resolution authorising his Honor the Mayor to employ so many of the City Marshalls as he may deem necessary in restoring order, suppressing riots and removing nuisances, which was adopted

A Petition was received from J Williams and Frederick Yeomans Contractors for filling in the Public Basin at Foot of Canal Street praying a further compensation for a quantity of Earth carried away by the Rains to the Sewer, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Leonard Hoffman was received, stating that he is about to erect a House in Spring Street, that there is a bend in said Street, and requesting permission to build his house on a direct line with the Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John M Johnson Inspector of Fire Wood, requesting that if complaints are made against him that he may have an opportunity of answering them before some Committee, was referred to [318] the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Resignation of James Flanagan of the appointment of Weigher of Hay was received and the Resignation accepted

A Certificate of the Fire Wardens of the First Ward, that they had examined N° 7 and 8 Jones Lane*e* 103 Front Street and 53 South Street (Stores of Joshua Jones & Sons) and that they considered them as safe places to store Hemp, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with authority to grant permission to Store hemp therein.

An Account Current of Judah Hammond Esq^{r} late public Administrator, with the Corporation was presented and referred to the Finance Committee

His Honor the Mayor stated that the Board of Health finding a difficulty in forming a Board for the discharge of the ordinary business, as no provision is made in the Late Law [319] of the Corporation for any Quorum less than a Majority of the whole Board, they had directed him to state the circumstances to the Common Council, and now recommend the passing of a Law constituting five members (as formerly was the case) a Quorum for the transaction of business. He accordingly presented a Law agreeably thereto which was passed under

the title of "a Law to amend the Law for the establishment of a Board of Health"

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Co. N° 8

Jesse B Lee Hatter 71 Chatham St 4th Ward Vice Thomas Frost* Resigned

N° 19

George W Dean Blacksmith 127 Hester St 10th Ward Vice Jones Bowen time Expired

N° 20

John F Havens Blacksmith 53 Cedar St 1st Ward Vice John W Hinton time Expired

[320] N° 31

Daniel M Winant Blacksmith 76 Sullivan St 8th Wd Vice John Vreeland Expelled

N° 39

William Prentiss Accountant 149 Broad Way 3d Ward Vice Christophen Giffing Resigned in consequence of injury received at Fires

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Thompson Street from Canal Street to the Pavement which was passed and John Targee Roger Strong and Abraham Baudoine were appointed assessors

He also reported an ordinance for regulating and paving Eldredge Street between Grand and Broome Street, which was passed and James Walker John Targee and John Salisbury were appointed assessors

Also an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street between Rutgers and Pike Street which was passed and Arthur Burtis, John Brown[er] and Benjamin Prince were appointed assessors

[321] He also presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Sheriff Street between Rivington and Stanton Street, which was passed, and John Bedient, Isaac Kip and John Brower were appointed assessors

He also presented an assessment for paving Canal Street from near Broad Way to church Street and an assessment for repairing Gold Street, which were confirmed and N Jarvis appointed Collector in the former and John G Betts in the latter

* Thomas Frost was returned Thomas Foot.

He also on a reference to him, of a Report made to the Board of Health of a nuisance existing in North Street between Cannon and Lewis Street, said to belong to Abijah Hammond reported

The Street Commissioner to whom a Communication was referred by the Board of Health

Reports that in his opinion the said Lots ought to be filled up so as to convey the Water to a trunk that was laid across North Street for the purpose of draining those lots, and no higher, as there are taxes and assessments against them for about $500. which is a sum more than they are worth at present

It being more conformable to the general mode of doing this business. that every thing relating to Lots should be done [322] through the City Inspectors office, the undersigned respectfully submits the propriety of the City Inspector being instructed to present ordinances for filling up said Lots

Jn° M^cComb
Street Commissioner

which was approved and the City Inspector was directed forthwith to report an ordinance for the correction of the same, which was immediately done, and the ordinance was passed directing them to be filled up by the 25th Instant

The Comptroller reported that $365 had been paid into the Treasury for Commutation of Alien Passengers for quarter ending 31st July last

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances Viz

N° 1.	Otis Taff	Owner	Canal Street	A Lot
2	[323] R Dodge.	do	Fayette Street	do
3	Thos Hewitt	Agent	do	do
4	Jn° G Coster	Owner	Broadway	do
5	Jn° W Wyman	do	Broome St	do

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented for Execution the following

The Counsel herewith submits for Execution a Lease to Ebenezer and Andrew Wilson of the Block of Ground between West and Washington Streets and between King and Charlton Streets for the term of Seven Years from the first of July last, with a covenant to renew the same for Seven Years after the expiration of that term unless it

shall be previously required for public or other purposes. This lease has been prepared in pursuance of instructions from Alderman Wyckoff

Respectfully submitted

Ogden Edwards

which was directed to be duly executed.

[324] The Counsel also presented Leases of property Sold in August 1819 for non payment of assessment and which had not been redeemed

The Counsel in pursuance of instructions from the Street Commissioner has prepared and herewith submits for execution the herein after described leases of property which was Sold for assessments in the month of August 1819, and which have not been redeemed to wit

A lease to Richard L Walker assignee of William S Lewis of Lot N° 503 of Bayards East Farm, for fourteen years from the third day of August 1821

A Lease to Daniel Higgins assignee of James Boyle of Lots numbers Forty one and Forty two on Dyckmans Map, for sixty Years from the third day of August 1821

A Lease to William L Simers of Lots Number ninety on Livingstons Map, for Thirty five Years from the Tenth day of August 1821

A Lease to Charles Mooney, of Lot number Ninety four on Livingstons Map for Twenty Seven Years from the Tenth day of August 1821

[325] A Lease to Thomas Scott of Lot number Two Hundred and forty seven of Bayards East Farm, for Eighteen Years, from the Tenth day of August 1821.

A Lease to Thomas Scott of Lot number Two Hundred and forty Eight on Bayards East Farm, sold for Sixteen years, from the Tenth day of August 1821.

A Lease to Lewis C Hamersly of Lot number 1229 in Bayards East Farm sold for Fourteen Years from the Tenth of August 1821

A Lease to Lewis C Hamersly of a Lot fronting on Columbia Street, sold for Seventy five years from the Tenth day of August 1821.

A Lease to John Kent of Lot number 93 on Livingstons Map, sold for fifteen Years from the third day of August 1821

A Lease to William L Simers of Lot number 139 on Bayards West Farm Sold for Twenty nine years from the Tenth day of August 1821.

A Lease to William L Simers of number 138 on Bayards West Farm Sold for Thirty Years from the Tenth day of August 1821.

[326] A Lease to Charles L Sanford of a part of Vestry Street,

between Sullivan and Laurens Street, Sold for Ninety Years from the Third day of August 1821

Respeectfully Submitted
Ogden Edwards

The Counsel also presented a Law to amend the Law regulating the fees of Weigh Masters and Measurers which was referred to the Committee on Public offices

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Congregation of Sherath Israel reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel respectfully report

That for the reasons set forth in the petition and which your Committee believe to be true they recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Congregation of Sheareth Israel [have] until the first Monday of May next, for the payment of the money assessed on the real property [327] belonging to them, for extending and straitening Oliver Street, on the payment of Interest

J Hammond
H J Wyckoff
(Signed) B Crane Committee
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Alexander Wiley reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Wiley praying for further time to pay the assessment on house No 119 Harman Street for Widening and improving that street respectfully report, that for the reasons set out in that petition the Committee are of opinion the time for payment ought to be extended three months, they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the time for paying the assessment on the House number One hundred and Nineteen Harman Street be extended for Three Months, on the [328] payment of Interest

Respectfully Submitted
J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Lewis Valloo. reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis Valloo praying an extension of the time for paying the assessment upon the House number 73 in Harman Street Respectfully report, That for the reasons set forth in the petition they are of opinion that the time ought to be extended until the first day of May next, provided the Interest be paid, they therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the time for paying the assessment on the house Number 73 in Harman Street be extended until the first of May next provided the [329] Interest be paid

Respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Francis Cooper

which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the petition of Lewis & Joseph Webb Reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lewis and Joseph Webb, representing that the Minetto Sewer between Washington and West Streets is too high and complaining of great injuries by reason thereof, and the subject having been thoroughly investigated by the Committee They are of opinion, that the complaint is well founded, and that the sewer is too high in that neighborhood.

They therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that so much of the Minetto sewer be taken up, and lowered as will be sufficient to correct the [330] Evil complained of

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Same Committee on the Communication from Alexander L Stewart reported

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[331] The same Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of Spring Street church reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Spring Street Church suggesting that the four Lots of Ground in Spring Street upon which the church stands were assessed for opening Canal street Sixty dollars and Eighty Cents on which there is a charge of Interest Thirty Eigh[t] Dollars Eighty three Cents making together ninety nine dollars Sixty three Cents, payment of which has been demanded by the Collector—That a Fire Engine House was erected on the front part of one of the Lots by the Common Council about the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven, where it still remains and occupies nearly one fifth of the whole front—That during the time the Engine House has been there, the memorialists have paid for paving and regulating on account of the said Lots Two Hundred and Fifty Eight Dollars Eighty Cents, to which if One Hundred Sixty nine dollars fifty four Cents be added for Interest the amount will be Four Hundred twenty Eight dollars thirty four Cents and the memorialists represent that the Common Council ought to permit a sett off to be made of the assessment for Canal Street

[332] The Committee are aware that the use of the Ground in question was intended to be gratuitous, and that no Rent was to be paid, but they do not perceive any great objection to the prayer of the Memorialists and they recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the assessment for opening Canal Street be directed to decline collecting the above mentioned assessment from the Spring Street Church, and the church discharged from any further liability to pay the same

Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Charles Town
Francis Cooper

On the question of agreeing to the same the Board were equally divided, and the President giving his vote in the affirmative the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the memorial of William Cunningham reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the memorial of William Cunningham [333] respecting a Water Lot grant at Brooklyn

Respectfully Report that from the circumstances set forth in the former report of the Finance Committee on this subject, and the additional facts set forth by M^{r} Cunningham in Relation thereto, the Committee are of opinion that the grant in question ought to be made

to Mr Cunningham on the terms contained in the following Resolution that is to say

Resolved that the grant be made to William Cunningham of the Water Lot in question reserving a Rent of One Cent per foot from the first day of May One Thou[sa]nd Eight Hundred and twenty One annually until the first day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five, and Twenty five cents per foot annually thereafter for ever

Respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Francis Cooper

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[334] The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Kips Bay praying the 34th Street may be opened &c Reported

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Kips Bay praying that the 34th Street may be opened from the 2d to the 3d Avenue,

Beg leave to state that they have had the subject under mature consideration and are of the opinion that the opening of said Street would add much to the convenience of the Inhabitants living in said Neighboorhood, and since Mr Chesterman through whose land it principally passes has no objection (having signed the petition) [they] would recommend the following resolution

Resolved that 34th Street be opened from the Easterly side of the Second Avenue to the Third Avenue and that the Counsel of this board take the necessary measures to carry the same into effect

Gerard DePeyster
J Hammond
Thos S Town[s]end
Abr Valentine

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[335] The Market Committee on the Petition of Frederick Bennett. John Smock and Joseph Hill reported

The Petitions of Frederick Bennett John Smock and Joseph Hill praying to be licensed as Butchers having been referred to the Market Committee, they have examined into their recommendations and conceive them to be such as to induce your Committee to recom-

mend the prayer of their petitions be granted for which purpose they offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Frederick Bennett John Smock and Joseph Hill be severally licensed as butchers for this City.

Henry J Wyckoff
Charles Town
Isaac Emmons

which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting Centre Market reported*

[336] The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Hone John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens Reported

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the petition of Philip Hone John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens, stating that they had made a Conditional agreement for the transfer on the One Side and the purchase on the other of all the right of ferriage heretofore granted by the Corporation to Philip Hone, and requesting the Corporation to transfer the Leases of the Ferries from Barclay and Spring Streets to Hoboken to John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens,

Report That Philip Hone holds a lease from the Corporation of the Ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken [337] dated August 10 1818 for 12 years from the first of May 1818, and which will consequently expire *of* [on] the 1st of May 1830. at an average Rent of $595 per Annum from the 1st May 1821. That by the conditions of this Lease Hone is to keep upon this Ferry a suitable number of good and substantial Boats, sufficiently large, and adapted as well to transport Horses and Carriages, as passengers, and in addition to these, Two good and substantial Team Boats each to be propelled by not less than 8 good Horses and also that the said Philip Hone holds another lease from the Corporation of the ferry from Spring Street (without the Slip. and within Two Hundred feet of the foot of said Street, to Hoboken, dated October 2d 1820 for 15 years from the 1st of May 1820. which will therefore expire on the 1st of May 1835 at the following Rent Viz. the First Five Years at One Cent per annum the next Five Years at $50 per annum and the last Five Years at $200 per annum, and the said lease contains an Extension of Five Years for the Ferry from the foot of Barclay Street to Hoboken at $800 per annum for the time extended (in consequence of [338] which extension both leases will expire at the same time) Provided Hone

* The report is not entered.—ED.

puts in the Ferry from Spring Street to Hoboken Two good and substantial Sail Boats immediately, and also one good *good* and substantial Team Boat before 1st May 1821. That Hone has complied with the Conditions Except putting a Team Boat on the Ferry, he states that he was about contracting for the building of a Team Boat for this purpose, when to his surprise Mr John Stevens Proprietor of the Island of Hoboken, for reasons unknown to him (Hone) issued a Writ of Ejectment for the purpose of reentering on the Ferry, and that he being ignorant of the Cause of Mr Stevens proceedings, and aware of the uncertainty of the decisions of Juries. and of the time which it might take to settle the question, did not think it prudent to incur the expense of Building a Team Boat, and that he petitioned the Corporation on 26th February last to grant him a reasonable extension of time to put the Team Boat on said Ferry, after the result of Mr Stevens suit should be known [339] and whereas John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens agree to make very great improvements on said Ferries by putting on the ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken in place of the Two Team Boats now running a very superior steam Boat from 90 to 100 feet on deck, and 42 feet beam, the boat to be built of the best Cedar and Oak, and the said John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens further agree, that if the Steam Boat does not accomodate the Public as well as the Two Team Boats now on said Ferry, they will at any time during the lease, when required by the Corporation, put on one Team Boat, in addition to the said Steam Boat, and the said Boats are to be approved by the Corporation.

And whereas also John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens agree to put on the Ferry, from Spring Street to Hoboken, in addition to the Two Sail Boats now in use, a good and substantial Team Boat to be propelled by not less than 8 Good Horses by the 1st of May 1822 (the said Boat to be approved by the Corporation)

Therefore your Committee, having duly examined the business, are decidedly of opinion that the Public will be much better accomodated by having a Steam Boat in the place of the Two Team Boats, now [340] running on the Ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken since (among other advantages they believe that the Steam Boat will make the passage in less than half the time taken by the Team Boats,

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved, That upon John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens placing on the Ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken a Steam Boat of the dimensions above stated and to be approved by the Corporation, in

addition to the sail Boats now on said Ferry, and Philip Hone surrendering to the Corporation, the Lease which he now holds of said Ferry, that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare in Conformity to the tenor of this Report a new Lease to John C Stevens of the said ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken for 9 years from the 1st of May 1821 at a Rent of $595 per year payable quarterly

And further Resolved that upon John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens placing on the Ferry from Spring Street [341] (without the Slip and within 200 feet of the foot of said Street) to Hoboken one Good and Substantial Team Boat in addition to the two Sail Boats now in use on said Ferry, on or before the 1st day of May 1822, and Philip Hone surrendering to the Corporation the Lease which he now holds of said ferry, that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare in Conformity to the tenor of this Report, a new Lease to John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens of said Ferry from Spring Street to Hoboken for 14 years from the 1st of May 1821 at the following Rent, for the first 4 years at 1 Cent per year for the next 5 years at $50 per year and for the last 5 years at $200 dollars per year payable Quarterly—and that this Lease shall contain an extension of the lease of the ferry from Barclay Street to Hoboken for 5 years (which will cause bothe leases to expire on the 1st May 1835) at a Rent of $800 per year payable quarterly for the time so extended.

Resolved that the leases mentioned in the preceeding resolutions be so drawn as to comprehend all the conditions, restrictions &c which are contained in the corresponding leases to Philip Hone, and that the foregoing [342] Resolutions shall not be binding upon the Corporation until the leases which shall be prepared by the Counsel shall be ordered to be executed by them and the counterpart thereof shall be executed by the said John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens

Respectfully Submitted

Thos S Townsend
Jno P Anthony
Asa Mann

which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Alexander L Stewart remonstrating against the appropriation of the Ground or Slip commonly called Canal Street Basin to private purposes, and putting in a claim to have the ground in question laid out for public uses: and remonstrating against a sale thereof

Respectfully Report, that previous to filling up Canal Street Basin it had become so very offensive by reason of impure matter deposited therein by the sewer, that pressing applications were made to [343] the Common Council for filling it up, alledging it to be, as your Committee believe it was, an intollerable nuisance: and in order to abate which the Common Council directed the Basin to be filled up as the only means of correcting the evil—That by the 267th Section of the Act to reduce several Laws relating to the City of New York in particular, into one Act, The Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council convened are authorized to make and pass such By Laws and ordinances, as they shall from time to time deem necessary and proper for filling up, altering and amending all Public Slips in the said City, at such times and in such manner as they may deem proper. In virtue of which authority the said Basin or Slip was filled up for the reason above stated; the expense whereof was wholly paid out of the Treasury and amounted to

That two third parts of the expense of filling up, altering or amending public Slips are usually defrayed by the proprietors of the adjoining and adjacent Lands, and the other third part is paid out of the Treasury

That no part of the expense of filling [344] this Basin or Slip was paid by the proprietors of the adjacent and adjoining Lands—And the Committee are of opinion that the claim of Mr Alexander L. Stewart is entirely without foundation. But the Committee do not see any objection to leaving the ground in question for a public Square provided the owners of the adjoining and adjacent Lands pay two thirds of the costs of extending the sewer and filling the basin above mentioned together with the Interest thereon amounting to the sum of provided they signify their assent thereto by the third day of September next by a memorial to be addressed to the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The following resolutions are recommended

Resolved that if a majority of the Land holders in quantity and value in the vicinity or neighborhood of Canal Street Basin shall by their memorial request that the said Basin be made a public square and that the two third parts of the cost of filling the same including the Bulk Heads and Sewer, and of all other expenses and [345] Interest thereon be assessed upon the Lands in the immediate neighborhood and present the said memorial to the Mayor Alderman and Com-

monalty of the City of New York, by the third day of September next, that then the same shall be done accordingly

Resolved, that Alexander L Stewart be furnished by the clerk with a Copy of the foregoing Report and Resolutions

Respectfully Submitted

J Hammond
Henry J Wyckoff
B Crane
Chas Town
Fras Cooper

which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs, cause new Sleepers and a new Floor to be put into the lower Market at Catharine Slip, or to do such repairs to the present floor as may be required

A Resolution directing an amendment to the Law respecting the Measure [346] and Sale of Coal was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the wharf West side of James Slip and also the wharf at the West side of Coenties Slip repaired without delay

A Motion was made to add the Street Committee to the Finance Committee on the subject of the Petitions and Remonstrances respecting opening and widening Beekman Street.

The Question being taken thereon the Board were equally divided and his honor the Mayor gave his vote in the negative so the motion was lost

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 6th Inst	333.78
Recd for last payment on Loan for 1821	51560.
	$51,893.78

[347] 33 Accounts Audited

John Vanderlyn on Acct of Portrait of President U S	150.
Leek & Walton Watch 1st District	1002.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d do	645.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3d do	414.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Salary 15th Inst	437.50
J P Roome Sup. Rep 1 do 14 "	250.
T Franklin Ch Eng 1 do 18 "	125.
T M Collins & S D Ingraham attends Park 3 days	6.
A Bleecker taking Census & Jury list 1st Ward	120.
E Frost Clerk 6 Markets Salary &c 4 Months	133.

R Smith clerk Washington Market 1 Qr to 1st	131.37
J Bremner do Catharine do	108.25
H Tallman Coroner Fees 1 Qr 1st Inst	544.99
M M Noah Sheriff for Officers attends Court "	1225.50
do for Deputies Conveying Convicts to Penitentiary from Court of Sessions 1817 to 1st Inst	215.
S Montgomery & others Serving Supoenas 1 Qr	201.75
P C Van Wyck late Dist Attorney fees June to Dec 1820	3100.18
J Fleming Treasurer to pay dividend on City Stock	17664.38
do " Bal of State Tax 1820 to be paid the State	1910.31
J Wallace Acct Contract for Minetto Sewer	1375.
J Culbert Acct Paving First Street	250.
J Quin Bal Paving Thompson St	201.21
J Sloan Acct Curbing First St	90.
A H Mooney Bal Pavg Eldridge from Broome to Delancy	79.50
[348] G Tucker in full for Constructing and altering Culverts Corner of Canal & Varick Sts	71.38
R Ayres Earth on different parts Public Property	65.77
J McComb Street Comr Repayment to Purchasers of Property sold for Taxes & asst for 2d Adv & Leases	98.
Tucker & Woodruff Acct Mason Work Fulton Market	5000.
P Woodruff Acc Carpenters Work do	5000.
J Halstead Supg Fulton Market 36 days	108.
B Birdsall on acct of Iron Fence at the Park	4000.
J P Roome Sup Repairs for Fire department	300.
do do for Repairs	855.
	$45880.34
Balance	$6013.44

Board adjourned to meet this day fortnight

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REFERENCE